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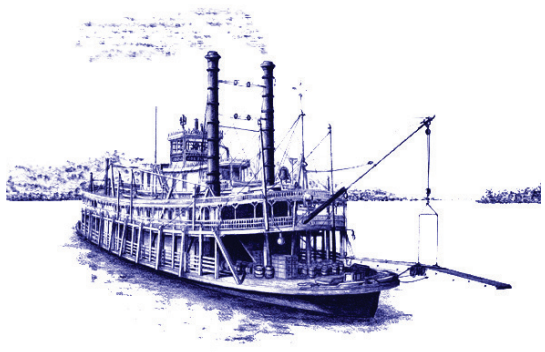

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Bethany Legacy steps up to held fund Crystal Beach

Dollars from foundation, county to cover funding gap

BY BOB DEMAREE

A day after awarding a $7,270,021 contract for construction of a newly renamed Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, a gap in the funding for that project was filled with a $2 million grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation and a $570,000 commitment by Jefferson County government.

The announcement was made at Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting held in the newly renovated Crystal Beach Pool House.

"We are so grateful for Bethany Legacy Foundation's support for our Crystal Beach Aquatic Park development," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. "Delivering on our mutual promise to serve the health and wellness needs of Madison and Jefferson County, this partnership brings a modern facility for children and adults of all ages and all abilities. This partnership is truly transformative for the community, and I couldn't be more pleased with this opportunity."

With the city's 84-year-old pool having been slated for replacement last winter through an initial $2.7 million contract for rehabilitation of the pool house and pool basin, the project took a detour when it was determined the pool had deteriorated far beyond repair and needed to be replaced entirely. Work continued on the pool house but the pool was split off into a separate project that resulted in the demolition of the original pool and plans to construct a new pool.

The city has worked to develop a plan to preserve the iconic "seashore" design of the original pool while offering modern amenities than lend themselves to multi-generational use. But because of the extensive amount of work needed in reconstructing the pool, the project included a higher price tag. Initial estimates for the pool replacement were about $6 million but when the city received bids late last year, there was only one offer, and it was for $8,030,000 from RL Turner Corporation.

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Mark Campbell

Madison city officials and the city's partners in the rebuild of Crystal Beach pool were recognized at Tuesday's meeting at the park's recently complete poolhouse renovation. They include(from left): German American Bank Regional President Anthony Brandon, Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County Executive Director Bill Barnes, City of Madison Ecnomic Development Director Tony Steinhardt III, Jefferson County Commissioner Bobby Little, Bethany Legacy Foundation CEO Dora Anim, Jefferson County Commissioner Ron Lee, Bethany Legacy Foundation Board Chair person Darlene Connolly, Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, City Madison Director of Planning Nicole M. Schell, Madison Parks Director Matt Woolard and Madison Parks Board President Carla Eades.

Biker gang member convicted of murder in shootout

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A North Vernon man is facing between 90 and 130 years in prison after being found guilty of murder and related criminal gang enhancements in a 2021 biker gang shootout that resulted in the death of a fellow gang member, Jefferson County Prosecutor David R. Sutter said Wednesday.

Michael J. Karnuth

A Jefferson Circuit Court jury convicted Michael J. Karnuth, 34, on Tuesday of attempted burglary committed while armed with a deadly weapon, attempted robbery committed while armed with a deadly weapon and obstruction of justice. Karnuth was also found to have been a member of a criminal organization — the Warlock Chapter known as the "Heavy Hitters" — while committing the offenses and that he was acting to further the interests of that criminal organization.

"This case was the result of outstanding police work and the cooperation of many individuals and organizations in the community," said Sutter. "This complicated case was brought to trial thanks to excellent work among many organizations."

The case began June 22, 2021, when Dustin B. "Kutter" Lindner, 35, of Georgetown, Kentucky, was fatally wounded shortly after 4 a.m. on John Deere Road in Dupont, Indiana. Lindner, a member of the Pagans motorcycle gang, was with Michael J. "Billy Goat" Karnuth, David Kenball "Karate Dave" Faulkner, Jason W. "Dutch" Brewer, and Gary W. "Mouth" Fletcher, who allegedly were also members of the Warlocks motorcycle gang.

The gang members arrived at 8913 North John Deere Road in Dupont with handguns, knives and handcuffs to confront Shawn Rudis, who they believed was displaying patches and tattoos of those clubs, but was not in fact a member. When the gang members approached the Rudis residence, a shootout ensued and Linder was fatally wounded in the chest by a bullet from a .223 rifle when

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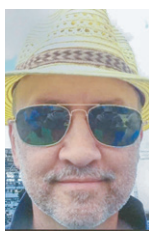

CHARLIE **ROHLFING**
CHARLIE'S BEAT

It's safe to say I learn something new with every one of these articles I write. But talking to Ingrid Matthews, lead violinist for the upcoming concert at First Christian Church this Saturday at 7 p.m., I learned something that truly blew my mind.

"The violins and other instruments used in modern orchestras today are not the same as they were when the music was composed," explains Matthews. "In other words, when you hear music performed that was written in 1700, you're not really hearing what it sounded like back then. Unless you hear it played on instruments that are authentic to that era.

"The very earliest violins and other instruments were played with a harpsichord as accompaniment. They used sheep gut strings at pretty low tension, and they were very soft and mellow in tone. As harpsichords gave way to louder and louder pianos, the other instruments had to get louder. String tension went up for more volume, and the instruments had to be changed to accommodate that."

And here's the part that I found truly astounding. Matthews continued, "You hear about violinists playing these million dollar Stradivarius violins from 300 years ago, but what they don't tell you is the neck has been replaced at

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Handout

Ingrid Matthews, a performer and teacher of baroque violin at the Historical Performance Institute at the IU Jacobs School of Music, will perform Saturday at First Christian Church in Madison.

Redevelopment reallocates $457K to Sunrise infrastructure

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison's Redevelopment Commission approved an additional $457,000 in funding for the Sunrise Crossing retail and residential development at Tuesday's meeting due to higher costs associated with that project and to meet deadlines.

Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director, said the bidding climate hasn't been favorable recently for the community. Previously, the city took bids on the project's traffic light and road improvements twice, and no bids were received either time.

He said all projects are now in place to meet all requirements of the Sunrise Crossing development but it comes at a cost.

"The pricing is continuing to be extremely high, based upon the estimates that are now a year old," Steinhardt said.

Last week, with bids still over budget for intersection widening and other minor enhancements, efforts were made to bring the costs into the $585,000 to $600,000 range. The Redevelopment Commission approved a contract with Sedam Contracting not to exceed $600,000. Additionally, approval was given for a contract with ETC for up to $300,000 for installation of the new traffic light promised to developers. "Both of those projects are in the final stages of value engineering but will not be in the excess of those amounts, and both are in the process of needing to get started in the next 30 days," Steinhardt said, noting that the city will incur a $250,000 penalty if they are not completed by July 21.

Additionally, the Redevelopment Commission approved up to $50,000 for inspection services for the projects by Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz (JTL), the city's consultants on Sunrise Crossing.

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Vevay man dies in SR 256 crash

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A single vehicle crash in the 11000 block of West State Road 256 in Jefferson County resulted in the death of a Switzerland County, Indiana, man Tuesday morning.

Thomas Sutton, 60, Vevay, was pronounced dead at the scene, located about 12 miles west of Madison, after the vehicle he was driving exited the roadway, struck a tree and caught fire. The Jefferson County Coroner's Office, which made the identification, has notified his family.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office received a report of the crash at approximately 4:12 a.m. Tuesday. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and located a white Ford Taurus car engulfed in flames. Attempts to extricate the driver from the vehicle were unsuccessful due to the intensity of the fire.

The fire was extinguished by the Kent Volunteer Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Man arrested on warrant had meth

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison man was arrested Monday on narcotic-related charges by Madison Police Department.

Darin Lawrence Brittan

Darin Lawrence Brittain, 42, Madison, was taken into custody without incident on Woodside Drive after a search discovered methamphetamine in his possession. He was also wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant, issued by Jefferson County for possession of methamphetamine. Both charges are Level 6 felonies.

Madison Police Det. Kyle Cutshaw was assisted by Madison Patrolman Trent Smith, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Hanover Police Department.

GANG

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Rudis returned fire. The murder charges stem from an Indiana law that allows associates in the commission of a crime to be charged when anyone — including an associate — dies during the crime.

Evidence was presented at trial that Karnuth was the president of the Warlock Chapter known as the "Heavy Hitters."

Karnuth had previously seen Rudis with the phony tattoos and patches at a gas station in North Vernon and traveled to Philadelphia to obtain information about Rudis before planning the attack. The gang members met at Karnuth's house prior to traveling to Dupont and made multiple trips to John Deere Road before the shooting.

Following the shooting, the gang members left the scene in two vehicles and crashed into each other on John Deere Road. The gang members then disposed of firearms, gang paraphernalia, and attempted to dispose of a vehicle prior to being caught. Firearms were recovered in cornfields and in various bodies of water. Karnuth was arrested by the Indiana State Police while hiding at a known Warlock house in Rising Sun, Indiana.

Sutter thanked the Indiana State Police, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Jefferson County 911 Central Dispatch, the Jefferson County Coroner's Office, the Dupont Fire Department, King's Daughter Health EMS, the Jennings County Sheriff's Department, the Ohio County Sheriff's Department, the Rising Sun Police Department, the North Vernon Police Department, as well as the Hamilton County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department, the Butler County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department, and the Cincinnati Fugitive Task Force.

The trial, which began on Jan. 30 in Jefferson Circuit Court and concluded Feb. 6, featured testimony from ISP Crime Scene Investigators, ISP Detectives, ISP Dive Team Members, and Detectives and Officers from both the Indiana State Police and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Karnuth will now face the sentencing phase of the trial, scheduled for March 15 at 2 p.m.

Three other defendants have reached plea agreements in the case to avoid going to trial including a female associate who was charged with assisting with the disposal of weapons and vehicles. Jordan M. Lowe, 28, of North Vernon, pleaded guilty to assisting a criminal, a Level 5 felony, and is scheduled for a sentencing hearing on Feb. 17.

Brewer, 36, of North Vernon, has pleaded guilty to an amended charge of attempted robbery, a Level 2 felony, and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 22 while Fletcher, 42, of Hamilton, Ohio, has also reached a plea agreement and is scheduled for sentencing on Feb. 24.

Meanwhile, Faulkner, 54, of Cleves, Ohio, is facing murder, attempted robbery, attempted burglary and gang enhancement charges and is scheduled for a jury trial on April 24 in Jefferson Circuit Court.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Feb. 6, 2023

Darin Lawrence Brittain, 42, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, and on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

Elgin Andrew Fidell, 34, for failure to appear. Bond $5,000 cash.

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Nicholas Browning, 34, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $2,500 cash.

Ronald W. Hovey Jr., 46, for Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

Claudine Ann Sellers, 50, Joliet, Illinois, to hold for Rush County (failure to appear and operating a vehicle while intoxicated). No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

Feb. 6, 2023

Malinda F. Husband, 38, Frankfort, Kentucky, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 360 days jail with credit for 98 days served and 267 days suspended for supervised probation plus $350 in fees and court costs and defendant trespassed from premises of The Attic.

Carlos Elias Castillo Rivera, 26, Chicago, for Knowingly or Intentionally Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $185.50 in fees and court costs.

Forest Lynn Cooper, 33, New Washington, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus $285.50 in fees and court costs.

Damon Jerome Wilson, 44, Madison, for Knowingly Driving While Suspended-Prior Conviction Within 10 Years, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for zero days served and 180 days suspended for unsupervised probation plus $185.50 in fees and court costs.

Kenyatta Lavon Harvey, 19, Hanover, to amended charge of Maintaining a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substance, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 6 days served and 364 days suspended for supervised probation plus $410 in fees and court costs.

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Joshua Malachi Bowlds, 21, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 12 days served and 353 days suspended for supervised probation plus $350 in fees and court costs and no contact order to remain in effect.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Feb. 6, 2023

Marilyn J. Birge to Christy Jo Anderson, Donald Keith Birge, Terry Lynn Birge and Marilyn J. Birge, 420 RC Court, Madison.

John Chapella, Sara Chapella and Sarah S. Clapp to Sarah S. Clapp, 3617 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Robert S. Anderson, David L Dowell and Sheriff of Jefferson County Ben Flint to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc., 30 acres at 5554 North Scotts Ridge Road, Madison ($374,400).

Corey L. Bentley and Nicole Bentley to Carolyn Kay Cheney, 340 N. Willow Drive, Madison.

Tim Boldery to Michael Shipley and Virginia Shipley, 3.39 acres at 7777 North Breeding Road, Dupont.

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Brenda Chambers to William E. Chambers (deceased) and Brenda Chambers, 233 Miller Street, Madison.

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some point, and most likely the body has been opened up and stronger internal bracing added. It's the only way to project the volume needed in modern orchestras.

"When people ask me what's the difference between modern and authentic historic instruments, I like to say it's like the difference between electric light and candlelight. Sure, the electric is brighter, but the candlelight is softer and more expressive. It's less strident and more mellow.

"Now, the violin I'll be playing Saturday night in Madison was made in Amsterdam in 1703, and it's never been altered. How it survived unchanged all those years is a mystery lost in time. Maybe under a bed, or sealed in a wall, who knows. But my violin, strung with the original gut strings, produces the exact tone that this early music was composed for.

The 1st Street Country Bar is beginning to have live music, with their next booking two Fridays out on Feb. 24.

"In some ways, when you hear a concert of early music on original or historically accurate instruments, you're hearing a moment pulled from the distant past, like you are present in Vienna or Paris or Naples when it was first performed.

"There's a difference in playing style in early classical music also. It's a little looser style, with more improvisation. It's more like a jazz combo, all playing off each other and making every performance unique and fresh.

"For Saturday's show there will be six instruments. Three violins and three theorbos. Now the theorbo, you kind of have to see it to really believe it. It's like an oversize lute, but with this 5-foot-long neck that sticks way up to the left. Seeing three theorbos in a row is kind of like going to the zoo to see the giraffes!

"It will be a lot of fun, and I think everyone who attends will be amazed by the beautiful sounds these instruments are capable of. You'll hear what the composer really had in mind when they penned the notes to paper. It can be quite a moving experience."

Ingrid Matthews teaches baroque violin at the Historical Performance Institute at the IU Jacobs School of Music. It's one of the few places in the country where historic performance is still studied and practiced.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

Looks like Friday might be the hottest music night in Madison this week. The Creedence show at Red Bicycle Hall is already sold out, and there is a special Friday show at Thomas Family this week. But the show at Red Roaster Coffee at 6 p.m. deserves special attention. Paul Kelly and his daughter, Jill Koren, deliver the sweetest, most genuine live performance you'll ever see. They are just a joy to watch as you sit there having a coffee or hot chocolate. Not too loud, just lively and enjoyable. Get down there and give them a listen if you've never heard them before. The other bit of news I'd like to mention is about a new live music venue coming on line. The 1st Street Country Bar is beginning to have live music, with their next booking two Fridays out on Feb. 24. As of now it's a smoking bar, so take that into account, but it's very exciting to have another venue contributing to the magic of Indiana's Music City.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC

Thursday, Feb. 9

- Rivertown Grill — DJ Dance Party

Friday, Feb. 10

- Rivertown Grill — Shades of Raven, w/Meaux Swafford
- Red Bicycle Hall — CCR Tribute show
- The Drake — Hippie Fingers
- Thomas Family Winery — THE Brian McClure and his fiddle
- American Legion — Claude Reese & Jamie Royce
- Red Roaster Coffee — Kelly & Koren (6-8 p.m.)
- Brown Gym Senior Dance— Old goats and a Nanny (6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, Feb. 11

- Rivertown Grill — Fabulous Hickbillies
- First Christian Church — Early Music Historic Concert
- VFW — Diamondback
- Moose — Crossfire

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Rivertown Grill — Zach Hackney (6-9PM)
- Off-Broadway Taproom — Open Mic Night

Wednesday, Feb 15

- Rivertown Grill — Karaoke

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset: 6:13 p.m.
Temperature: High 53, Low 36, Mean 44.5, Excess 5.2
Precipitation since last published: .08
Precipitation, February 2023: .09
Precipitation, 2023: 5.22
Barometer: 30.15, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 423.3, Falling
Forecast: Friday: Mostly cloudy 45/Low 26; Saturday: Mostly sunny High 43/Low 25; Sunday: Mostly sunny High 48/Low 28.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 2-10-16-24-35-38 (2/4). Next Estimated Jackpot: $9.5 million. Next Drawing (2/8).
Daily 3: 1-3-2 SB: 9
Daily 4: 3-1-7-0 SB: 9
Cash Five: 1-11-21-22-28 (2/7)
Cash 4 Life: 22-26-31-57-58 CB: 4 (2/7)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 0-8-9
Pick 4: 8-5-9-1
Cash Ball: 8-17-20-22 CB: 15 (2/7)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 3-5-8-12-17 (2/7)
Lucky For Life: 3-7-18-31-32 LB: 4 (2/7)

POWERBALL
5-11-22-23-69 PB: 7, PP: 2 (2/6). One ticket sold in Washington state for a $754.6 million jackpot on Monday. Next Estimated Jackpot: $20 million. Next Drawing (2/8)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 14-19-58-59-68 PB: 16 (2/6). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (2/8)

MEGAMILLIONS
9-15-46-55-57 MB: 4, MP x2 (2/7). Next Jackpot: $50 million. Next Drawing (2/10)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up?

Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641.

Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

FEBRUARY 10
- Jerry Yarnetsky

FEBRUARY 11
- Troy Morgan

FEBRUARY 12
- Merdell Adler — 90
- Warren Auxier

FEBRUARY 13
- Tina Wampler Frye

FEBRUARY 14
- Jeanine Little

FEBRUARY 15
- Ray Black Jr.
- Benny Hassfurder

OBITUARIES

Terry Johnson

Terry Joe Johnson, 67, of Emida, Idaho, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at his home.

He was born in Madison, Indiana, on Feb. 10, 1955, to Darrell and Mary Martin Johnson. He grew up in Madison and graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1973. After graduation, he spent two years at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, as a science major before enlisting in the US Navy and serving 16 years as an Electricians Mate. He married Lois Overpeck Akers in 1974 in Madison and they lived in Virginia and Idaho where he was stationed in the Navy. After divorcing in 1982, he married Janenne Hoggan in 1986 and they lived in Hawaii where he was stationed and later in Idaho until their divorce in 1992. After his discharge from the Navy, he worked for Idaho National Engineering Laboratory S.E. until 1996 when he went to work for General Physics training operators of nuclear power reactors. He eventually started his own consulting business and trained operators in various parts of the country and relocating in Minnesota from 2002 until 2014 when he retired. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and had always wanted to be a "mountain man" so during his retirement he went to hunter guide school in 2014 and moved to a rural cabin near Emida where he could wake up in the morning with the opportunity to hunt and fish by simply walking out his front door.

Survivors include three sons, Jeremiah Johnson of Greer South Carolina, Christopher Johnson of Bellingham, Washington and Terry John Johnson of Becker, Minnesota; a daughter, Tracey Johnson of Folsom, California; a brother, Wayne Johnson of Payson, Arizona; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be announced by his family at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Hodge Funeral Home in St. Maries, Idaho. Online condolences, www.hodgefuneralhome.com.

Judith Malott

Judith May Malott, 62, of Milton, Kentucky, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, at Norton Hospital in Louisville.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1960, in Beech Grove, Indiana, to Perry Clifford Imel and Betty Glenn Imel. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crafting, crocheting, playing bingo and participating in Kentucky Motorcycle Association events.

Survivors include her companion, Billy Harlow of Milton; her son, Steven Glenn of Jamestown, New York; a sister, Linda Beatty of Worthville, Kentucky; a stepdaughter; Kristi Loveless of Warsaw, Kentucky; two stepsons, Daniel Harlow and Michael Harlow, both of Carrollton, Kentucky; two stepbrothers and a niece and a step grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Howard C. "G.G." Maines; and her husband, John Malott, on March 12, 2013.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Visitation is 4 p.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Online condolences, www.tandyecklerriley funeralhome.com.

Rob Walters

Robert Ray "Rob" Walters, 48, of Madison, Indiana, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at his home in Madison.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1974, in Indianapolis, to Bob Walters and Connie Wallace Crawford. He was raised in the Brooksburg, Indiana, area by his grandparents, Joe and Mary Wallace. He married Kendra Ann Gaylord on May 14, 2004, in Bedford, Kentucky, and they had three children. He was a fanatic about scary movies and enjoyed watching them, especially on Friday the 13th. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years of Madison; his children, Aria Walters, Renee Walters and Andrea LaVeck, all of Madison; his sisters, Becky Walters of Hanover, Indiana and Ocean B. McGee of Colorado; and four grandchildren, several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents who raised him.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Bayless Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until the time of services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rob Walters Remembrance Fund through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Walter Tapp

Walter Leroy Tapp, 57, of Madison, Indiana, died Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

JCBT fields $200,000 in funding requests for tourism

BY BOB DEMAREE

More than $200,000 in funding requests by local organizations to promote tourism were made to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism at a special meeting Monday.

The requests and their totals included: $70,500 from the Madison Music Movement, $56,650 from the Madison Area Arts Alliance, $35,200 from the Jefferson County Historical Society and $10,000 from Historic Madison Inc. Additionally, $29,000 was requested for Visit Madison Inc. to develop a motorcyle/motor trail to bring visitors to Jefferson County.

The overall total of all the requests is $201,350 which JCBT will consider at its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 27.

Each of the applications came from the Jefferson County Tourism Alliance that was formed in 2021 in an effort to coordinate the county's tourism organizations to work together in promoting local tourism.

"We got here. This is what we talked about," said Kim Nyberg, executive director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance. "What's cool is that we got together as organizations, and that's never been done before. Thank you for this opportunity. Whatever happens, we all got together. We all respect each other. We understand each others' mission, and we understand what we're trying to do as organizations."

The $70,500 request from the Madison Music Movement would help fund staffing, advertising and marketing. Todd Boone, president of the Madison Music Movement, said the organization was formed for music to become a mechanism for economic development in Jefferson County by making it Indiana's Music City.

Boone said the Madison Music Movement needs to do "more than just advertising" to make Madison into Indiana's Music City. "We really have to become Indiana's Music City. We can't just advertise and say we're Indiana's Music City," and there needs to be work to continue towards building music venues to actually make Madison into a destination for music. He said that takes having a full-time person to make that happen.

The funding request for Madison Music Movement also includes dollars to become part of the Americana Music Triangle Experience, which was also part of the Madison Area Arts Alliance (MAAA) funding request. In working collaboratively together with those two organizations to make Madison part of the Americana Music Triangle, which connects music through river towns that are in the south.

"Our community was invited to be a part of the Americana Music Triangle," said Nyberg. "This is a huge thing" because it connects Madison to well-known music towns that are mostly in the south with Owensboro, Kentucky, being the closest community to Madison that's included.

"It pushes us to finish our story on music and history," Boone said, and gets Madison "beyond advertising to come see live music, and to where music ties back into our history."

As a participant in the Americana Music Triangle, work will be needed to curate that legacy and to document the history of Jefferson County's music heritage. The work will be done in collaboration with Jefferson County Historical Society, Madison Music Movement, MAAA, Kindred Folk Society and Visit Madison Inc. Also, marketing materials, banners, and merchandise need to be developed for the Pilgramage Music and Cultural Festival at Franklin, Tennessee, in September, where Madison will be promoted as a music destination.

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— Kim Nyberg
Madison Area Arts Alliance executive director

The total request for MAAA is $56,650 with most of that going towards staffing and marketing. "We made a big, bold ask," said Nyberg.

She said Madison is one of 12 designated art districts in the state, and the arts in Madison is growing significantly. But she noted that MAAA needs staffing to do that work. "We need to have more presence with tourism" that allows the SPOT that serves as the offices of MAAA to be open more. Additionally, MAAA wants to improve its marketing materials and its website.

The $35,200 request for the Jefferson County Historical Society is for staffing, exhibit creation and website upgrades. John Nyberg, JCHS executive director, said he is currently the only full-time staff member with an education coordinator being part-time. Current funding for JCHS comes from membership fees, a small endowment and admissions. "Sometimes people think that because we're the county museum we receive funding from the county and city. We receive nothing. We are on our own so that's a challenge every year."

He noted JCHS has a "wonderful facility" with many artifacts to "create some really terrific exhibits … We have all the assets and all the parts and pieces, but we need the staff to get it out there."

Commissioner and JCBT board member David Bramer suggested that the organization also reach out to the Jefferson County Commissioners to seek funding the county allocates each year for non-profits. "We do fund non-profits annually," he said, noting JCHS is important for consideration since it is the county museum.

The $10,000 request from HMI would go towards an online exhibit, WiFi and credit card swipe readers for some of HMI properties, a professional designed booth for travel shows, and a postcard with a QR code to access site tours.

John Staicer, HMI president and executive director, said the funding would allow HMI to expand its offerings and assist with costs for those items. "It's a way to expand our educational mission and ability to promote this wonderful community that we call Madison that we all enjoy, and love living in, playing in, and telling everybody else about."

The $29,000 for the motor trail involves establishing a path for the trail along with creating maps, signage and a website as well as marketing the trail. It's an effort that JCBT board member Ron Bateman has collaborating on with Curt Jacobs Sr. that would involve motorcyclists and motorists.

Andrew Forrester, executive director of Visit Madison Inc., proposed funding for the motor trail, which VMI has been established as the organization to implement its creation. "This is tying all the other stuff we are doing" to promote Jefferson County.

Available for adoption

Maui, a 12-month-old, hound mix, is currently available for adoption at the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. He is a playful young dog who loves to run around and chase tennis balls. He came in with a sister named, Moana, but she's been adopted, so he is looking for his own forever home. Maui is 36 pounds and won't get any bigger. A meet and greet would be best if you have any other furry friends! For more details, check out the animal shelter Facebook page, visit www.sisaveapet.com or call 812-273-1788.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

Georgetown Historic Open House

Madison-Jefferson County Public Library

420 West Main Street

An open house on the Georgetown neighborhood will be held at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., by a historic preservation graduate student from Ball State University from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, to invite local residents to share stories of Madison and help better understand the Georgetown neighborhood. Please bring old photos of Georgetown or Madison.

Madison Area Arts Alliance

The SPOT, 326 Mulberry St., Madison

The Madison Area Arts Alliance is hosting a black and white photography exhibit involving Jefferson County residents at The SPOT, 326 Mulberry St., Madison, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday.

MUSICIANS SOUGHT

Madison Community Concert Band

The Madison Community Concert Band is recruiting new members and anyone who plays an instrument is welcome to join even if it's been awhile since you have played.

The band rehearses at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the basement of the historic Brown Gym on Broadway.

For more information, email mccb.indiana@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISERS

Deputy Volunteer Fire Department

14227 Mulberry St., Deputy

Deputy firefighters are holding weekly Bingo fundraisers on Thursday nights at the fire department.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with food concessions available and Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Pull tabs will be available.

No one under 18 allowed in Bingo Hall. Bingo cash only concessions debit/credit/cash.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Noon to 1 p.m.

331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison

Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison

Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information call 812-866-4843.

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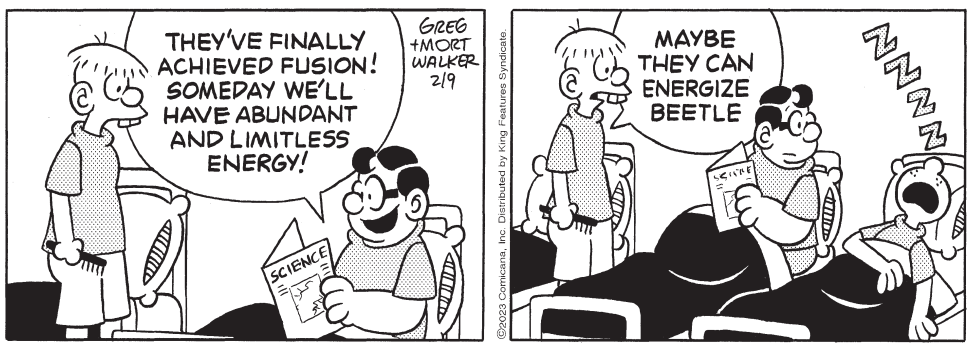
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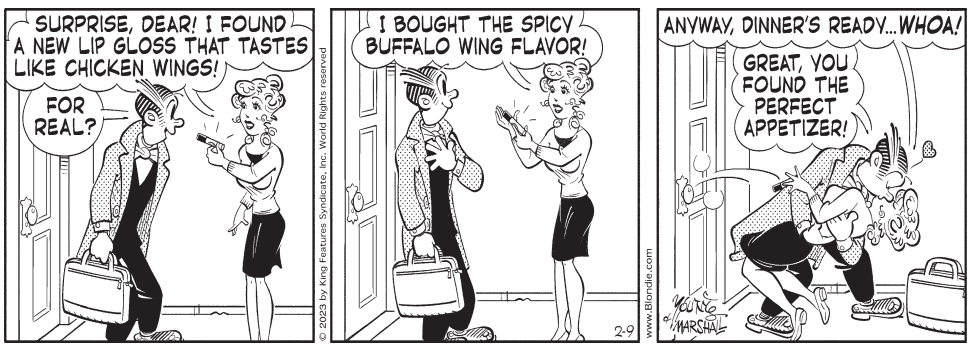
SURPRISE, DEAR! I FOUND A NEW LIP GLOSS THAT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN WINGS!
FOR REAL?
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I BOUGHT THE SPICY BUFFALO WING FLAVOR!
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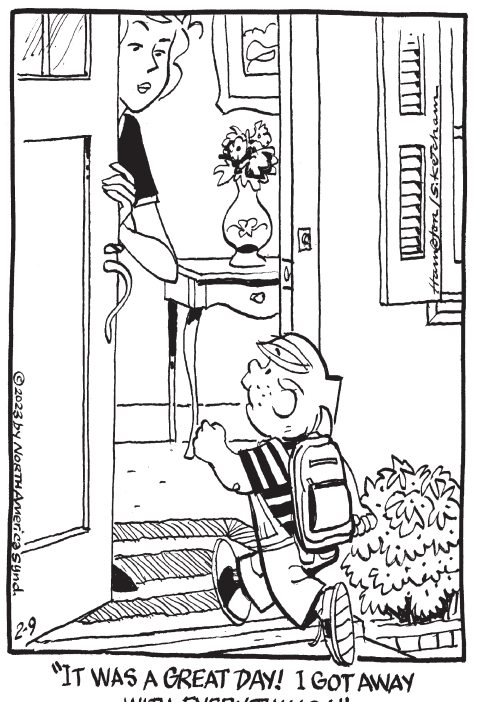
ANYWAY, DINNER'S READY... WHOA!
GREAT, YOU FOUND THE PERFECT APPETIZER!
YOUNG & MARSHALL

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Shouldn't a grandmother have a GRAND piano?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"IT WAS A GREAT DAY! I GOT AWAY WITH EVERYTHING!"

HI & LOIS

BABY BLUES

SIGH! YOU NEVER KNOW IF YOUR KID WILL DO WELL IN THESE SHOWS, OR TOTALLY FLOP.
AND NOW, ZOE MacPHERSON WILL YODEL OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.
OR WORSE.
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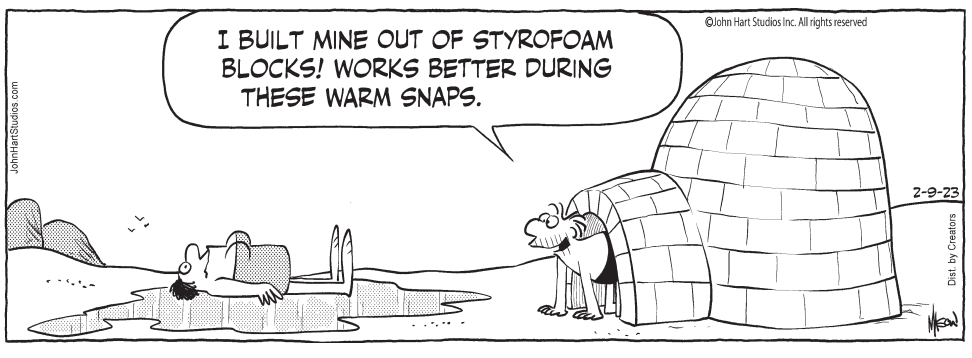
I BUILT MINE OUT OF STYROFOAM BLOCKS! WORKS BETTER DURING THESE WARM SNAPS.
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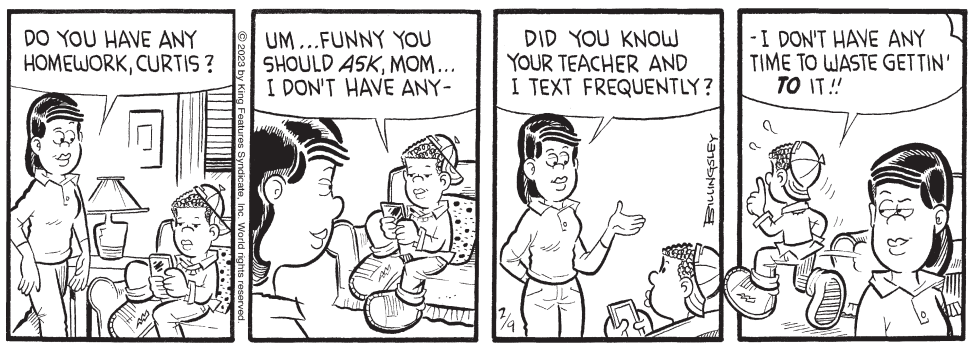
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UM...FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK, MOM... I DON'T HAVE ANY-
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DID YOU KNOW YOUR TEACHER AND I TEXT FREQUENTLY?
BRUNSTEIN
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-I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE GETTIN' TO IT!!

WIZARD OF ID

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
I'M REBUILDING THE DECK. I'LL BE OUT HERE ALL DAY
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UM... YOU JUST PUT IN THAT NEW DECK LAST SUMMER
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YEAH, BUT IT SHOULD BE ONE INCH TO THE RIGHT
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I'M GUESSING YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT MY MOM'S SURPRISE DINNER VISIT

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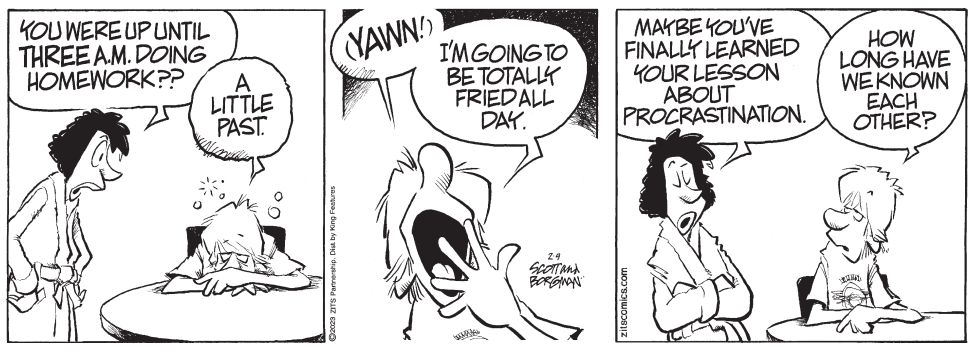
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A LITTLE PAST.
YAWN!
I'M GOING TO BE TOTALLY FRIED ALL DAY.
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MAYBE YOU'VE FINALLY LEARNED YOUR LESSON ABOUT PROCRASTINATION.
HOW LONG HAVE WE KNOWN EACH OTHER?
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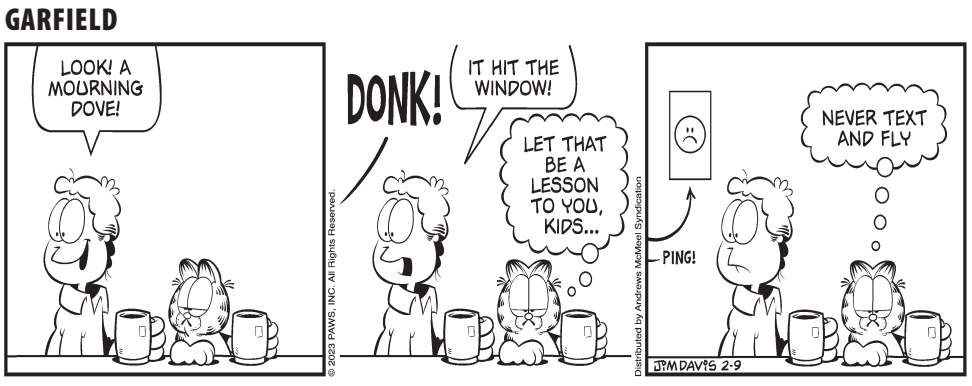
LOOK! A MOURNING DOVE!
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DONK!
IT HIT THE WINDOW!
LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, KIDS...
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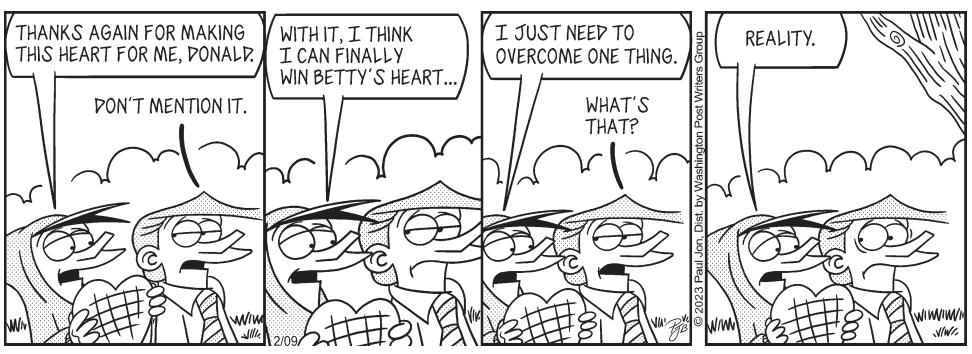
PING!
NEVER TEXT AND FLY
JIM DAVIS 2-9

FORT KNOX


THANKS AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS HEART FOR ME, DONALD.
DON'T MENTION IT.
WITH IT, I THINK I CAN FINALLY WIN BETTY'S HEART...
2/09
I JUST NEED TO OVERCOME ONE THING.
WHAT'S THAT?
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REALITY.

PICKLES

WOW! CAN YOU BELIEVE WE GOT THIS PARKING SPOT? WE'RE RIGHT BY THE DOOR!
YES. IT'S VERY NICE. GOOD JOB, DEAR.
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HEH, HEH, HEH
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AREN'T YOU GOING TO COME INTO THE STORE WITH ME, EARL?
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NO. I THINK I'D LIKE TO SIT HERE AND ENJOY THE PARKING SPOT FOR A WHILE.
BRIANCRANE

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2023. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

On this date:

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

In 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Republican Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin charged that the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1962, an agreement was signed to make Jamaica an independent nation within the British Commonwealth later in the year.

In 1963, the Boeing 727 went on its first-ever flight as it took off from Renton, Washington.

In 1964, the Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS. The G.I. Joe action figure was introduced at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 1986, during its latest visit to the solar system, Halley's Comet came closest to the sun (its next return will be in 2061).

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

In 2009, New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez admitted to taking performance-enhancing drugs, telling ESPN he'd used banned substances while with the Texas Rangers for three years.

In 2020, "Parasite," from South Korea, won the best picture Oscar, becoming the first foreign-language film to take home the biggest honor in film.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of mourners and dignitaries, including first lady Michelle Obama, packed the funeral service for Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old honor student who was shot and killed Jan. 29 as she stood with friends at a neighborhood park about a mile from President Barack Obama's Chicago home in the Kenwood neighborhood.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump signed a $400 billion budget deal that sharply boosted spending, swelling the federal deficit; the measure ended a brief overnight federal government shutdown. At the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics in South Korea, North and South Korean athletes entered Olympic Stadium together, waving flags showing a unified Korea; it was their first joint Olympic march in more than a decade.

One year ago: It was revealed that Kamila Valieva, the 15-year-old Russian figure skating superstar who had just led her team to an Olympic gold medal, tested positive for a banned heart medication before the Beijing Games. Actor Bob Saget's family revealed that it was an accidental blow to the head that led to his death in a Florida hotel room a month earlier.

Today's birthdays: Actor Janet Suzman is 84. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 83. Actor-politician Sheila James Kuehl (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 82. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 81. Actor Joe Pesci is 80. Singer Barbara Lewis is 80. Author Alice Walker is 79. Actor Mia Farrow is 78. Former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 77. Actor Judith Light is 74. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 68. Actor Ed Amatrudo is 67. Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is 66. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 62. Country singer Travis Tritt is 60. Actor Julie Warner is 58. Country singer Danni Leigh is 53. Actor Sharon Case is 52. Actor Jason George is 51. Actor Amber Valletta is 49. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 47. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 47. Actor A.J. Buckley is 46. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 44. Actor Ziyi Zhang is 44. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Irina Slutskaya is 44. Actor Tom Hiddleston is 42. Actor David Gallagher is 38. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 36. Actor Rose Leslie is 36. Actor Camille Winbush is 33. Actor Jimmy Bennett is 27. Actor Evan Roe (TV: "Madam Secretary") is 23.

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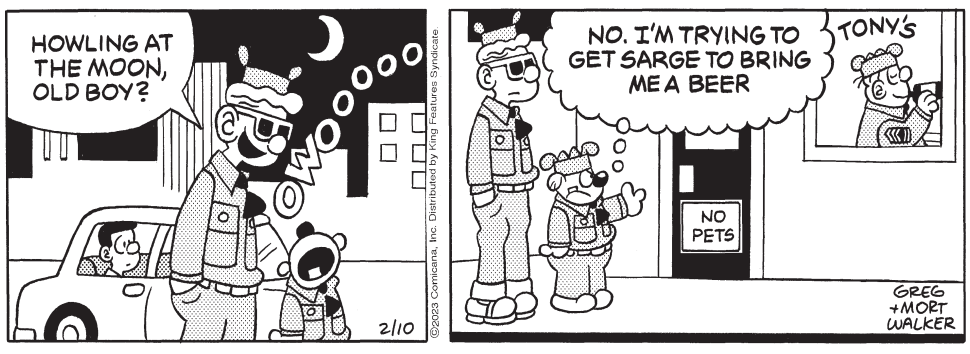
HOWLING AT THE MOON, OLD BOY?
WOOOOO
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TONY'S
NO PETS
GREG + MORT WALKER

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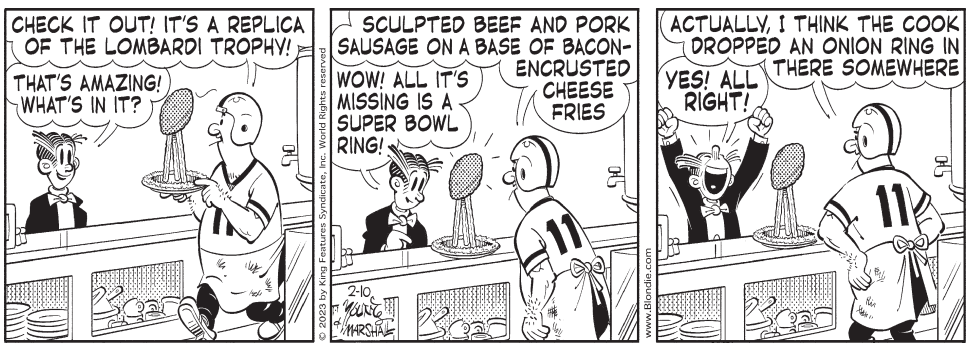
CHECK IT OUT! IT'S A REPLICA OF THE LOMBARDI TROPHY!
THAT'S AMAZING! WHAT'S IN IT?
SCULPTED BEEF AND PORK SAUSAGE ON A BASE OF BACON-ENCRUSTED CHEESE FRIES
WOW! ALL IT'S MISSING IS A SUPER BOWL RING!
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MARSHALL
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ACTUALLY, I THINK THE COOK DROPPED AN ONION RING IN THERE SOMEWHERE
YES! ALL RIGHT!
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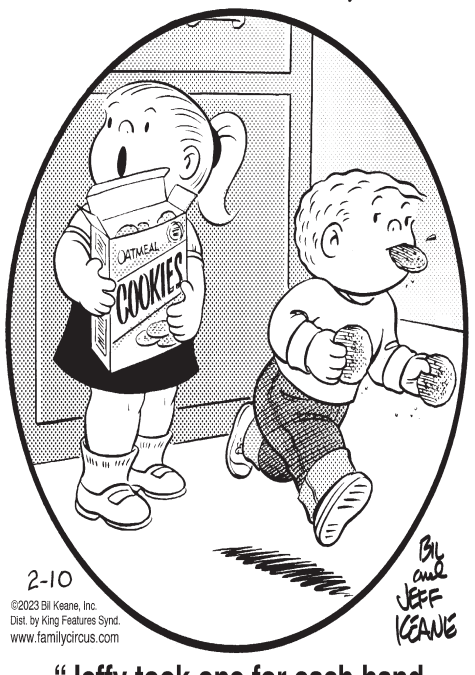
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

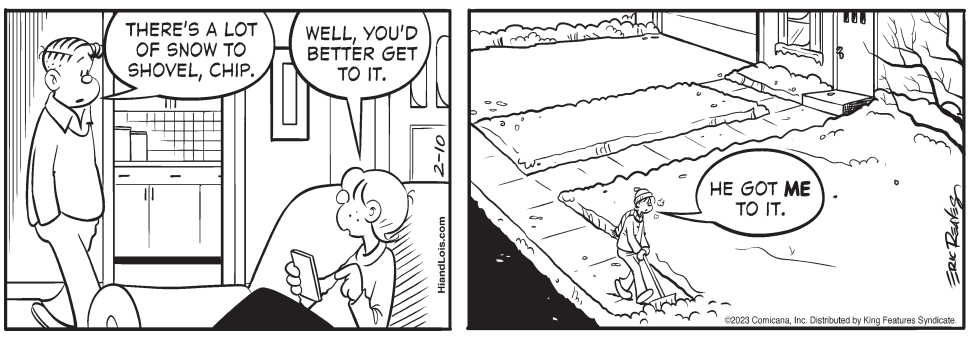


"Jeffy took one for each hand and one for his mouth!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"JOEY ISN'T AFRAID OF EVERYONE... JUST BULLIES!"

HI & LOIS


THERE'S A LOT OF SNOW TO SHOVEL, CHIP.
WELL, YOU'D BETTER GET TO IT.
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HIandLois.com
HE GOT ME TO IT.
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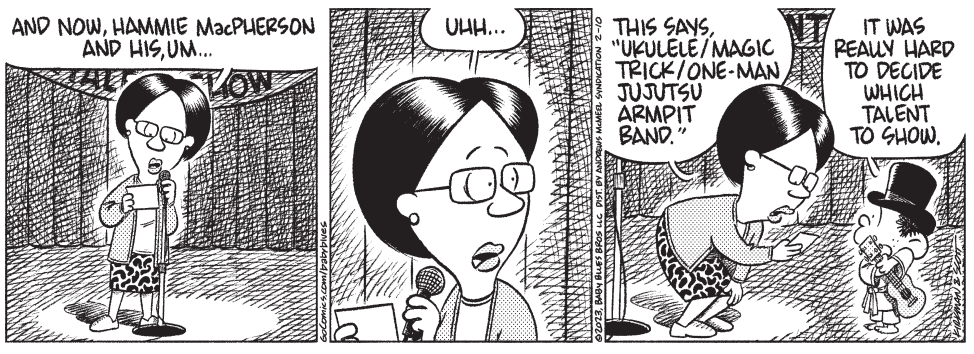
AND NOW, HAMMIE MacPHERSON AND HIS, UM...
UHH...
THIS SAYS, "UKULELE/MAGIC TRICK/ONE-MAN JUJUTSU ARMPIT BAND."
IT WAS REALLY HARD TO DECIDE WHICH TALENT TO SHOW.
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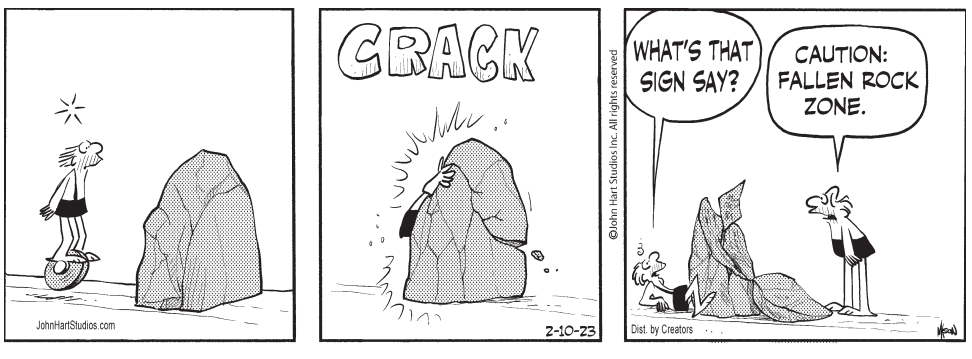

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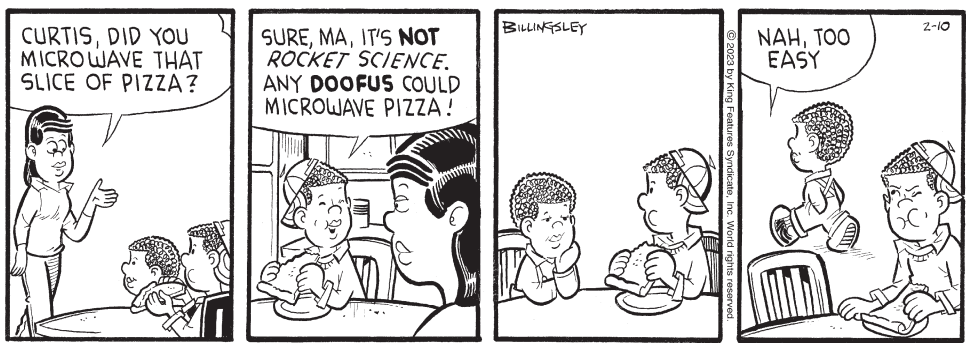
CURTIS, DID YOU MICROWAVE THAT SLICE OF PIZZA?
SURE, MA, IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. ANY DOOFUS COULD MICROWAVE PIZZA!
BILLINGSLEY
NAH, TOO EASY
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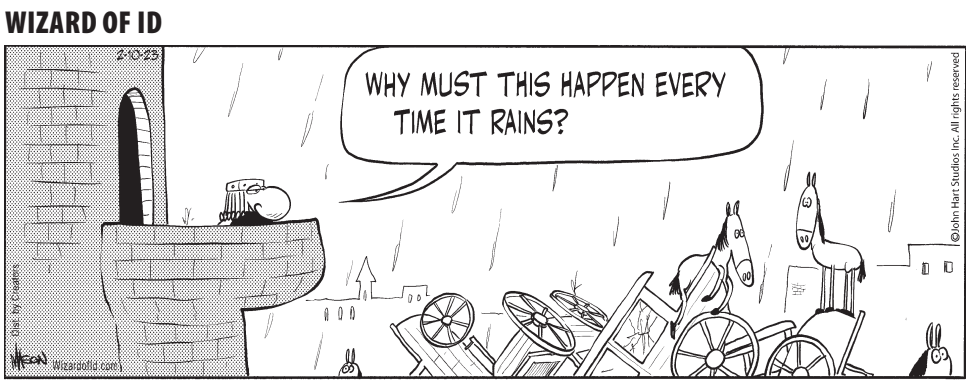
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WHY MUST THIS HAPPEN EVERY TIME IT RAINS?
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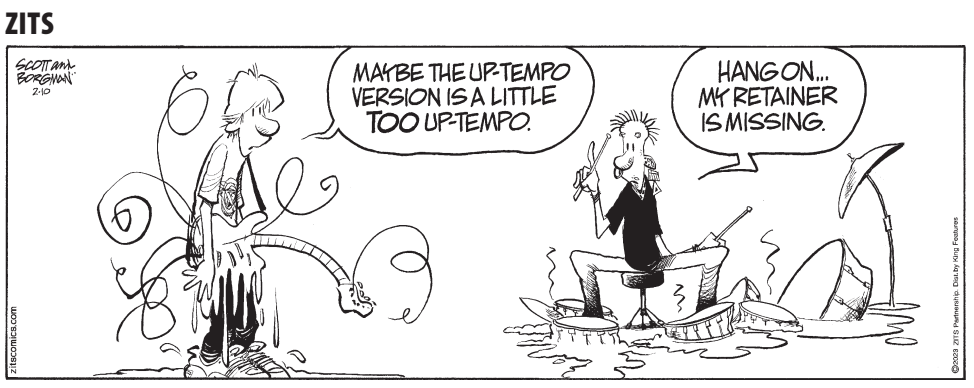
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MAYBE THE UP-TEMPO VERSION IS A LITTLE TOO UP-TEMPO.
HANG ON... MY RETAINER IS MISSING.
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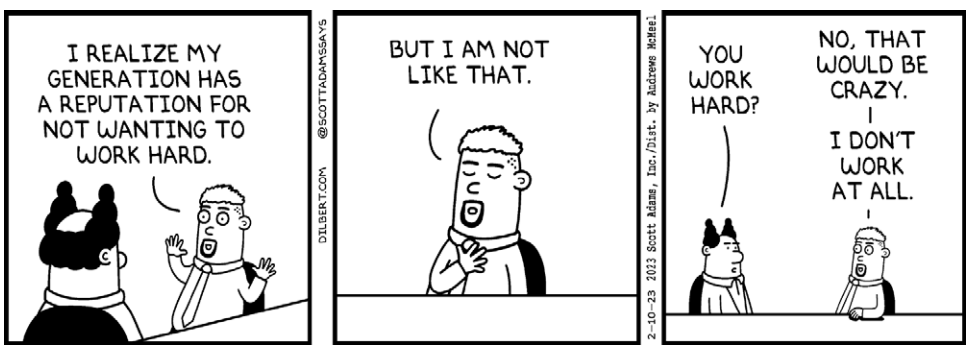
I REALIZE MY GENERATION HAS A REPUTATION FOR NOT WANTING TO WORK HARD.
BUT I AM NOT LIKE THAT.
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YOU WORK HARD?
NO, THAT WOULD BE CRAZY. I DON'T WORK AT ALL.
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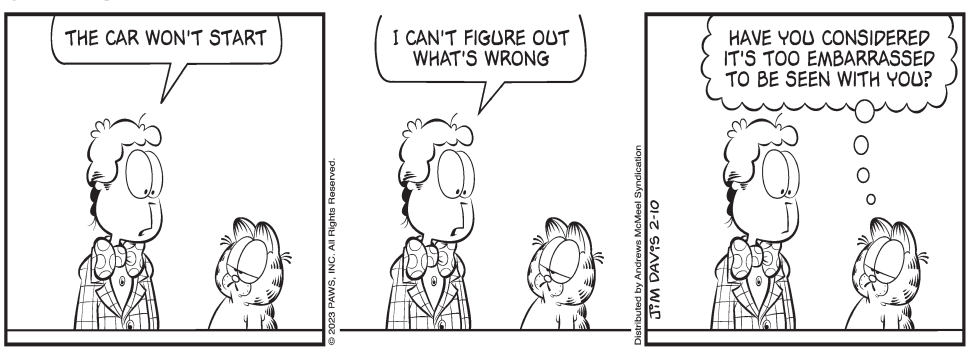
THE CAR WON'T START
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT'S WRONG
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED IT'S TOO EMBARRASSED TO BE SEEN WITH YOU?
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FORT KNOX

I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS PAPIER-MACHÉ HEART TO BETTY NOW.
JUST DON'T DO ANYTHING STUPID.
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#@)!★!
GEOGRAPHY SCHOOL RULES WORKBOOK PONZI SCHEMES
PAYZ LEFT TILL JAIL
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LIKE WALK BY A BULLY?
HART ATTAX
MATHEMATICS

PICKLES

OKAY, I'VE FINISHED MY SHOPPING. WE CAN GO NOW.
AND LEAVE THIS PARKING SPOT? DO YOU REALIZE HOW HARD IT IS TO GET THIS SPOT?! WE'RE ONLY TWENTY STEPS FROM THE STORE!!
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO JUST SIT HERE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! LOOK... IT'S ONLY FIFTY STEPS AWAY FROM THAT BUS STOP.
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ED FAINE
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2023. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

In 1936, Nazi Germany's Reichstag passed a law investing the Gestapo secret police with absolute authority, exempt from any legal review.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

In 1981, eight people were killed when a fire set by a busboy broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989, Ron Brown was elected the first Black chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson served three years in prison.) "Roots" author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

In 1996, world chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a match in Philadelphia against an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue." (Kasparov ended up winning the match, 4 games to 2; he was defeated by Deep Blue in a rematch the following year.)

In 2005, North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons.

In 2015, NBC announced it was suspending Brian Williams as "Nightly News" anchor and managing editor for six months without pay for misleading the public about his experiences covering the Iraq War. Jon Stewart announced he would step down as host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central later in the year.

In 2020, U.S. health officials confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus among the hundreds of people who'd been evacuated from China to military bases in the United States; it was among the 13 confirmed cases in the U.S. Britain declared the new coronavirus a "serious and imminent threat to public health" and said people with the virus could now be forcibly quarantined.

Ten years ago: Joe Paterno's family released its response to Penn State's report on the Jerry Sandusky scandal, attacking Louis Freeh's conclusion that the coach hid sex abuse allegations against his longtime assistant.

Five years ago: Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes in Syria that were ordered after Israel intercepted an Iranian drone that had infiltrated its airspace; it was the most serious Israeli engagement in Syria since the war erupted there almost seven years earlier.

One year ago: The U.S. Labor Department revealed that inflation over the past year had soared at its highest rate in forty years. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the Ukraine crisis has grown into "the most dangerous moment" for Europe in decades, while his top diplomat held icy talks with her Moscow counterpart who said the Kremlin wouldn't accept lectures from the West.

Today's birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 96. Actor Robert Wagner is 93. Singer Roberta Flack is 86. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 83. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 76. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 73. Walt Disney Co. executive Robert Iger is 72. Rock musician and composer Cory Lerios (Pablo Cruise) is 72. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 68. Actor Kathleen Beller is 67. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 63. Movie director Alexander Payne is 62. ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos is 62. Political commentator Glenn Beck is 59. Actor Laura Dern is 56. Writer-producer-director Vince Gilligan (TV: "Breaking Bad") is 56. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 51. Actor Jason Olive is 51. Actor Elizabeth Banks is 49. Actor Julia Pace Mitchell is 45. Reggaeton singer Don Omar is 45. Actor Uzo Aduba is 42. Actor Stephanie Beatriz is 42. Actor Max Brown is 42. Actor Barry Sloane is 42. Rock singer Eric Dill is 41. Actor Trevante Rhodes is 33. Actor Emma Roberts is 32. Actor Makenzie Vega is 29. Actor Chloe Grace Moretz is 26. Actor Yara Shahidi is 23.

Man charged with multiple counts of sexual abuse, sodomy

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

A Carrollton man was arrested on multiple charges of sexual abuse and sodomy late last month and he and his son have now been indicted by the Carroll County grant jury.

R.D. Howard Jr., 61, was arrested on Jan. 26, 2023, and charged with first-degree sexual abuse of a victim under 12 years of age, second-degree sodomy, first-degree sexual abuse and tampering with physical evidence.

Howard's son, Joseph Howard, is a co-defendant in the case and was charged with tampering with physical evidence.

R.D. Howard Jr.

Jason Davis

The charges date back to as early as 2010, when R.D. Howard allegedly committed sodomy by engaging in "deviate sexual intercourse" with an individual less than 14 years old or with an intellectual disability.

In 2011, R.D. Howard allegedly had sexual contact with a child under the age of 12. The other charges — first-degree sexual abuse and tampering with physical evidence — allegedly occurred in July 2022 when he allegedly used "forcible compulsion" to have sexual contact with a victim. Howard allegedly "destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed or altered physical evidence specifically, his cell phone," the charges contend.

Joseph Howard is charged with tampering with evidence related to his cell phone.

Both men were indicted by the grand jury on Jan. 23, 2023. An indictment by the grand jury is not verdict of guilt but a finding that enough evidence exists in a case to warrant official charges and a trial.

An arraignment date was scheduled for Feb. 6, 2023, but R.D. Howard was unable to be in court due to a medical issue and Joseph Howard did not appear at the arraignment.

FATHER, SON CHARGED WITH RAPE, SODOMY

Elsewhere, in an unrelated case based on an investigation by KSP Post 5 Det. David Roberts, a Carrollton man and his son have both been arrested for rape and sodomy involving the same underage victim about a year apart.

Jason Davis, 45, of Carrollton, was arrested Feb. 3, and charged with 10 counts of third-degree rape and five counts of third-degree sodomy while his father, Melvin Davis, 67, of Carrollton, was charged on Feb. 9, 2022, with third-degree rape and third-degree sodomy. The charges stem from the alleged rape and sodomy of a victim who was a juvenile at the time of the offenses but later contacted Kentucky State Police to report the allegations. Roberts' investigation included but was not limited to interviewing multiple people including the alleged victim and Jason and Melvin Davis.

Both men are lodged in the Carroll County Detention Center.

Mark Campbell

Those attending Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting checked out the recently renovate Crystal Beach poolhouse that is park of a multimillion dollar project to renovate the structure for use as an event venue as well as construction of a new pool due for completion in 2024.

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"We're investing in a pool that's going to last 50 to 75 years," said Courtney, while adding the city has worked hard to make sure that does not include more burden on the taxpayers. "This has been a very thoughtful financial plan for a significant investment."

The city and the project engineers worked with RL Turner in lowering the contract to $7,270,021 through changes to the filtration system and concrete reinforcement as well as other operational costs, along with delaying the completion date of the pool to May of 2024.

"We had tried to get a short window in the late summer of 2023 but we were able to save $460,000 by delaying the pool," said Tony Steinhardt III, the city's economic development director, at Monday's Parks Board meeting.

Steinhardt explained that the savings achieved by delaying the project involved costs that would been incurred from "rush charges from some equipment and electronics" along with the amount of overtime work that would have been required to complete the project by August 2023.

The city has sought additional funding sources to support higher costs in replacing the pool including approval last month by the City Council to issue economic development local income revenue bonds to finance a portion of the cost.

However, the Bethany Legacy Foundation grant, along with funding from the City of Madison Redevelopment Commission, Jefferson County government, and financing provided by German American Bank will be used to help complete the demolition and rebuild the new pool while developing an aquatic park that will include interactive water features for young children, a lazy river, two lap lanes, a diving board, a wet deck and new slides, chairs and umbrellas. A portion of the Bethany Legacy Foundation grant will be specifically set aside to support access to the aquatic park and swim lessons for families in need potentially for years to come.

Bethany Legacy Foundation is providing $1.75 million towards the construction with another $250,000 to be utilized by partnering with the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County to ensure a portion of the grant is directed to supporting access to the pool by low-income families.

"Our foundation is determined to fuel environments that promote well-being for everyone in Jefferson County," said Dora Anim, chief executive officer of the Bethany Legacy Foundation. "The Crystal Beach project is perfectly aligned with this goal. It's also very important for us that every family regardless of income level can access and enjoy the pool."

Valecia Crisafulli, chair of the Foundation's Grants Oversight Committee, said, "We are proud to be making this high-impact, large-scale grant. It supports our goal of funding projects that improve the quality of life for the entire community — regardless of age or income level. In partnership with the City of Madison, it also fills a much-needed gap and keeps the burden from falling on taxpayers."

County government will contribute $70,000 from the county's American Rescue Plan dollars plus $25,000 per year for 20 years from the county's historic preservation fund towards the debt service.

With the pool now slated to be closed for a second consecutive summer, the city issued a press release announcing that details will be forthcoming regarding swim lessons and aquatic programming for the 2023 season. At Monday's Parks Board meeting, Director Matt Woolard said the city has reached an agreement with Madison Consolidated Schools to utilize the Madison Junior High School pool for swim lessons, but details need to be finalized for lifeguards and the times.

"We will be able to have our typical swim lesson season" this summer, Woolard said.

The parks board also approved an ordinance at that meeting to both rename the pool and create a name for the second floor event space at the pool house. The ordinance cites that with additional new features to be developed with the new pool it is appropriate to change the name from Crystal Beach Pool to Crystal Beach Aquatic Park "to reflect the park-like features the modern pool will have once completed."

The upstairs event space will be called Frank Baldwin Hunter Hall — named after the inventor of Crystal Beach's seashore pool design. Hunter, an architect and swimming pool designer, also designed more than 600 homes in the Meridian-Kessler and Butler-Tarkington neighborhoods in Indianapolis.

Woolard said that in addition to work already done on the Crystal Beach Pool House and the construction that will be taking place for the Crystal Beach Aquatic Park, there will also be improvements to the exterior with new signage and landscaping along with enhancements to the adjoining basketball court.

Deteriorating restrooms near the basketball court were torn down last week and Woolard said the backboards, rims and nets will be updated on the basketball court, along with concrete work and restriping "to match the original paint and color scheme" that he said was striped red and white. There will also be benches, bicycle racks and a bicycle repair station.

Crystal Beach has been a part of Madison since 1938 when the Work Progress Administration (WPA) constructed the pool and pool house during the Great Depression. Courtney characterized Crystal Beach as "a regional destination and an important piece of Madison's history. Prioritizing the safety of those who frequent the pool has always been at the forefront of this project while ensuring the pool is accessible to all.

"We're bringing back to life something that has brought a lot of life to the city of Madison," Courtney added.

SUNRISE

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"Now that we have all the numbers we believe that the project cost for the overall Michigan Road/Sunrise Crossing project will be in the neighborhood of $4,707,000," a 15% increase over the original estimates. "Given today's environment, the number of supply chain issues" and other issues, "we feel pretty good about that," said Steinhardt.

Steinhardt noted the additional $470,000 for Sunrise Crossing came available because $500,000 that had been budgeted for the Crystal Beach pool rebuild was able to be obtained from other sources. "As of today, that is no longer needed" for Crystal Beach, he said.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said Sunrise Crossing has "been quite the project to manage. There have been lots of moving parts to it because we literally are building infrastructure for 22 acres of development" for traffic that will be in the thousands of vehicles in a short amount of time with both the retail and residential elements that include storm water, lift station, intersection, traffic light and more. "It's a very complex development initiative."

Courtney said consideration is being given to the street name that will run through Sunrise Crossing. "What we're trying to build there is destination," he said.

Steinhardt also announced that Emily McKinney will begin working Feb. 23 as the city's associate director of economic development, replacing Alyssa Foltz Woolard who resigned at the end of the year to become the director of economic development for the town of Plainfield, Indiana.

Steinhardt said McKinney is "a dynamic young lady" with a masters degree in historic preservation. A native of Boonville, Mississippi, h McKinney served as an intern last summer with Madison Main Street.

"She found Madison and she wants to stay," Steinhardt said.

Additionally, Steinhardt said there is now a City of Madison Economic & Redevelopment page on LinkedIn, and he encouraged people to follow that page for ongoing developments.

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Shawe mounts 4th quarter rally to beat Columbus Christian 68-67

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Trailing by 14 points with seven minutes to play, Shawe put together one of its best stretches of basketball this season to outscore Columbus Christian 24-10 down the stretch and pull out a 68-67 come-from-behind victory in boys basketball at home on Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers spent the first three quarters spinning their wheels and when Christian opened the fourth with a three-point play to push the margin to 13 points, all seemed to be lost.

But rather than panic or throw in the towel, Shawe went to work on both ends of the floor to pull out a second win in four days.

"I told the guys at halftime that was probably one of the worst halves we have played all season but we were only down one. 'You know what? If we're only down one after that bad of a half, that's not that bad. Let's play our game in the second half,' " Shawe coach Dan Hambrick said. "Their bigs got behind us and it killed us. We tried to make adjustments and I think it worked."

Shawe gave up several inches to Columbus' twin duo of Peyton Waldon and Noah Edwards and could make little headway throughout the first three quarters. The Crusaders used that height to lead 21-16 after the first quarter, then outscore the Hilltoppers 22-12 in the third to take a 55-44 cushion into the fourth.

Edwards drew a foul while scoring early in the final frame and connected on the free throw to put Christian ahead 58-44 with 7:02 to play. But Shawe closed the gap to nine on a three-point play by Philip Kahn and a basket by Tyler Hill before the Crusaders answered with two Waldron free throws to push the lead back to 11.

The rest of the game belonged to Shawe. Wyatt Nichter answered those freebies with a 3-pointer and a steal by Eric Liu led to a Nichter run-out and just like that, it was a six-point game (60-54) with 5:18 to go.

Another steal by Shawe led to another transition attempt, but Kahn was fouled by Edwards on the play. Edwards also drew a technical foul for taunting, which happened to be his fifth foul to send him out of the game.

Kahn missed the two technical free throws, but hit his two regular freebies to pull the Hilltoppers to within four. Without Edwards on the floor, Shawe was able to operate more freely and finally took the lead on Kahn's basket with 1:40 to go.

Photos by David Campbell

Shawe's Eric Liu (12) lets out a victory yell after the Hilltoppers held on to beat Columbus Christian 68-67 at home on Tuesday.

A steal and a basket by Liu pushed Shawe's margin to three (66-63) with 1:28 to go but Waldron answered with a bucket on the other end. Two free throws by Kahn then put the Hilltoppers up 68-65 with 25 seconds to go.

Columbus Christian had plenty of time to go for a quick two, but they burned the clock down to 2.5 seconds left without getting a shot away before calling a timeout. Coming out the timeout, the Crusaders' Jordan Burton let loose with a three that missed short. Branson Carr gathered in the rebound and put it in for Christian at the buzzer, but that still left the Crusaders one point short.

The key to the win for Shawe was its ability to rebound on the offensive end. The Hilltoppers shot only 40% (25-for-63) from the floor and 12-of-21 on free-throw attempts, but grabbed 18 offensive boards. Those boards forced Columbus Christian to shoot 10 fewer baskets in the game than Shawe despite connecting at a much higher rate (55%).

"I always tell them it's called the two second battle. When the shot goes up in the air, nobody can do anything about it except go battle and get in position," Hambrick said. "So you have to win that two second battle and I think they did a great job of that in that last quarter."

Shawe's Philip Kahn (35) goes to the basket ahead of Columbus Christian defender Jacob Bell during the Hilltoppers' 68-67 win on Tuesday. Kahn scored a team high 30 points in the victory.

Kahn finished with 30 points despite a tough shooting night and also had six rebounds. Nichter scored 13 points while Hill had seven. The Hilltoppers played the game without starters Jacob Hertz and Sam Fewell and Hambrick was thrilled with the way his team responded.

"I can't be more proud of these boys for digging deep and pulling out the win," Hambrick said. "We were without two starters tonight but we got great play when we needed it from the bench."

Waldon finished with 30 points and 14 rebounds to lead Columbus Christian. Edwards and Jacob Bell scored 10 points each.

Shawe, now 8-11 on the season, travels to Switzerland County on Friday night.

James makes NBA history on a star-filled night

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP SPORTS WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Bronny James stepped over to his dad's locker and played the phone video he had taken of Tuesday night's biggest moment. The NBA's new scoring king tipped his head back in a rich, full-throated laugh when the audio revealed Bronny had anticipated that the historic basket would come on a fadeaway jumper.

"That's tough, that's tough," LeBron James said. "That's funny."

For James, the greatest cost of nearly two decades in the NBA is the family time he misses. When he reached arguably the greatest individual basketball milestone of all by passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's career scoring record, James' mother, wife and three children all witnessed the coronation.

They were right at courtside in a building packed with stars and roaring fans who rose in waves of anticipation every time he touched the ball.

James has been thriving under formidable pressure his entire adult life, and this was nothing the King couldn't handle — although the man who says he almost never cries had tears in his eyes after he made history with that nimble step-back shot in the third quarter.

"I had a moment when it happened, and I embraced that moment," James said afterward. "Seeing my family and friends, the people that's been around me since I started this journey to the NBA, definitely very emotional right there. Just a kid from a small town in Ohio. I had a moment there, but I don't think it's really hit me, what just transpired."

When James surpassed Abdul-Jabbar's record 38,387 points, a crowd that had roared for his every basket went the craziest of all.

"A lot of people wanted me to go to the skyhook to break the record, or one of the signature dunks," James said with a grin. "But the fadeaway is a signature play as well."

The Los Angeles crowd screamed and stomped with every point while James steadily surged toward the mark held since April 1984 by Abdul-Jabbar, who watched the game from a baseline seat near the Los Angeles bench.

With four championship rings and nearly every other honor available to a basketball player, the 38-year-old James closed in on this next moment in history with the confidence of a player who has been even better than anyone could have expected two decades ago when the kid from Akron, Ohio, reached the NBA.

"The expectations were all the way out to Pluto, and he went ahead and created his own galaxy," Lakers coach Darvin Ham said before his team's 133-130 loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder..

The crowd was in its seats far earlier than normal in Los Angeles, and James got numerous ovations before the Lakers and Thunder got rolling. Lakers fans turned out in droves for the chance to see a once-in-a-generation achievement, with tickets going for thousands on the secondary market.

The moment was irresistible to fans like Aaron Sanchez, one of the hundreds of jersey-clad Lakers faithful patiently taking turns posing in front of the statue of Abdul-Jabbar that stands on the plaza in front of the Lakers' downtown arena.

Sanchez shares a set of two season tickets with a few friends and family, and he already had the seats for Tuesday's game months before anyone could predict the magic day. He turned down a friend's offer of $200 to swap the Thunder seats, but he knew he would be out of luck if James waited until Thursday to break the record, since those tickets belong to a different friend.

"It's basketball history, and that's what the Lakers are all about," Sanchez said. "LeBron is already one of the greatest Lakers ever, and getting this record in a Lakers uniform just makes it more certain. He was our leader after Kobe (Bryant) died, and he's our leader now."

Indeed, James has already earned a special place in Lakers

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Carroll boys drop district game

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Carroll County wrapped up district play with a 73-62 loss at Eminence in boys basketball on Monday.

The Panthers were led by Braden Stephenson with 18 points while Landon Groves scored 14 and Austin Hicks chipped in nine points and six rebounds.

The loss drops Carroll to 3-7 in 31st District play and makes the Panthers the likely No. 5 seed in the upcoming district tournament. Now 6-17 overall and 2-4 North Central Kentucky Conference, Carroll traveled to Ludlow on Wednesday and heads to Pendleton County on Saturday. The Panthers then host Walton-Verona on Monday.

RAIDERS FALL TO OWEN

Trimble County suffered a 71-48 loss at home to Owen County in boys basketball on Monday.

Ethan Horn scored 21 points and James Thomas Wilcoxson had 20 points and seven rebounds to lead the Raiders.

Trimble, now 12-13 on the season, wraps up 31st District play with a 4-6 record. The Raiders hosted Covington Latin on Wednesday and host Williamstown on Saturday. Trimble then travels to Bethlehem on Monday.

TRIMBLE GIRLS LOSE TO OWEN

Trimble County girls basketball dropped a 71-48 decision at home to Owen County in the Lady Raiders' district finale on Tuesday.

Kimberley Rodriquez led the Raiders with 13 points while Ainslie Stark had 10 points and Payton Butters had eight.

Trimble, now 9-16 overall and 3-4 in the North Central Kentucky Conference, falls to 5-5 in district play. The Raiders host Boone County on Saturday and host Shelby County on Tuesday.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Thursday, Feb. 9

BASKETBALL
Carroll Co. girls at St. Patrick, 7 p.m.

SWIMMING
Hanover, HCAC Championships at Terre Haute, 1 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10

BASKETBALL
Madison boys at Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Madison Christian girls host Tabernacle, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Shawe, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
Hanover, HCAC Championships at Terre Haute, 1 p.m.
Madison's Lilly Canida, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 11

BASKETBALL
Hanover men at Manchester, 2 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Boone Co., 3:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Manchester, 4 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Eminence, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys at Pendleton Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys host Greensburg, 7:30 p.m.
Madison Christian boys at Medora, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Henryville, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

LACROSSE
Hanover men host Centre, noon

SWIMMING
Madison's Lilly Canida, IHSAA State Finals at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Hanover, HCAC Championships at Terre Haute, 1 p.m.

TENNIS
Hanover women at Centre, noon

TRACK & FIELD
Hanover, Mount St. Joseph Invite, 11 a.m.

WRESTLING
Madison, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Semistate at Evansville, 9 a.m.

Jackson-Davis leads No. 18 Indiana past No. 24 Rutgers 66-60

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — The milestone moments keep piling up for Trayce Jackson-Davis.

Only one really mattered Tuesday night.

While he scored 20 points to become the sixth player in Hoosiers' history with 2,000 and the first among that group with 1,000 career rebounds, the most satisfying celebration came after No. 18 Indiana beat No. 24 Rutgers 66-60 — Jackson-Davis' first win in the series.

"I think that's the last team in the Big Ten I hadn't beaten," Jackson-Davis said after finishing with 18 rebounds and six assists.

From the moment Jackson-Davis announced he would attend Indiana, the expectations were great even as critics contended the results were underwhelming.

Nobody's complaining now. Jackson-Davis now has 2,004 points, 1,035 rebounds, a school-record 242 blocks and ranks fourth all-time with 44 double-doubles after breaking a tie with Steve Downing.

After helping the Hoosiers snap a five-year NCAA Tournament drought last season and falling out of the rankings after three straight January losses, Jackson-Davis has almost single-handedly led the Hoosiers (17-7, 8-5 Big Ten) into a second-place tie by winning seven of eight.

And his dominance is starting to open things up for his teammate. Or perhaps it's the other way around.

"I think we've gotten a lot better playing around Trayce, giving him space," Miller Kopp said after scoring 18 points. "It comes down to getting better at what the coaches are asking us to do and we're all feeling more comfortable with where our looks are coming from."

It certainly showed against the Scarlet Knights (16-8, 8-5), who had won six straight over Indiana including a 15-point blowout in December.

This time, though, they spent most of the game playing catchup. Clifford Omoruyi had 15 points, Cam Spencer had 14 and nobody else made more than three baskets.

"It's a one-possession game with three minutes left, but I look at the (free throw) disparity and you can't defend the foul line," coach Steve Pikiell said. "Give Indiana credit, they got there. Tracye Jackson-Davis was a problem."

The Hoosiers started fast and then scored 12 straight points to take a 30-14 lead midway through the first half but even without injured starting forward Mawot Mag, Rutgers charged back. It closed the first half on an 11-2 run, then tied it at 38 when Spencer opened the second half with a 3-pointer.

Kopp broke the tie with his third 3 of the game to start an 11-0 run and Jackson-Davis' monumental basket, a putback dunk off his own miss, made it 54-44 with 11:13 to go.

The Scarlet Knights could have tied it on Caleb McConnell's 3 with 3:02 left, but it bounced off the back of the rim and the Hoosiers closed Jackson-Davis' big win with a 7-2 spurt.

"He's a man who's done a lot since he's been here," said coach Mike Woodson, who is 57 points ahead of Jackson-Davis on the Hoosiers' scoring list. "He's a phenomenal player who does a lot of beautiful things on the court. To get 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds says a lot."

BIG PICTURE

Rutgers: Mag missed his first game with a torn ACL in his right knee and Rutgers struggled against Indiana's size and speed. There could be similar challenges over the final eight regular-season games.

Indiana: Woodson's team is playing, at times, like the conference's preseason pick to win the league title. When the Hoosiers make perimeter shots and defend well, they're a difficult matchup for anyone. They just need fewer lulls.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The victory should help solidify Indiana's top-20 status — at least until it hits the road for their next two games. Losing Mag and Tuesday's game may make Rutgers' return to the rankings short-lived regardless of what happens later this week.

UP NEXT

Rutgers: Visits Illinois on Saturday

Indiana: Heads to Michigan on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ESPN at 6 p.m.).

SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Southwestern's boys "C" team edged Jac-Cen-Del 60-59 on Friday to claim the Ohio River Valley Conference basketball championship.

Southwestern's junior varsity has clinched at least a share of the ORVC crown and the varsity can do so as well when they compete at Rising Sun on Friday.

• Trimble County freshman girls basketball won the 31st District title on Monday.

The Raiders defeated Carroll County 50-19 in the semifinals then posted a 32-30 win over Owen County in the championship.

• Trimble County girls junior varsity basketball lost 21-20 at home to Owen County on Tuesday.

Kendra Mahoney had seven points for the Raiders and Anna Brierly scored five.

• Southwestern swept Shawe in a pair of junior high girls basketball games on Monday.

Southwestern won the seventh grade game 28-14. Savannah Nussbaum led the Rebels with 16 points and Mikayla Nussbaum had 10. Brylee Liter led Shawe with eight points.

Southwestern won the eighth grade game 39-5. Sophie Ford led the Rebels with 17 points and Annie Ford scored nine. Lucy Wilhem had three points and Liter two for Shawe.

• The Hanover Parks Department is now accepting applications for its 2023 baseball and softball leagues.

The leagues are open to boys and girls ages four through 12 with age determined by Jan. 1, 2023 for softball and Aug. 31, 2023 for baseball. Cost is $30 and the application deadline in March 29.

Coaches are also being sought for each division in baseball and softball.

For more information, call Hanover Parks Director Scott Davidson at 812-806-1042 or 812-292-4282.

QBs Mahomes and Hurts aware of significance of this Super Bowl duel

BY DAVID BRANDT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Philadelphia Eagles coach Nick Sirianni is thrilled young aspiring football players all over the world will get to watch two Black quarterbacks face each other for the first time in the Super Bowl.

He's also pleased they get to watch two really, really good quarterbacks.

"I'm really excited for both quarterbacks, what they can represent to a ton of kids," Sirianni said at Monday's Super Bowl media night. "Not only are they two African-American quarterbacks, but they're the two best quarterbacks in the NFL this year. First-team All-Pro, second-team All-Pro.

"They both play at the highest level."

There are many storylines for this Super Bowl, but the duel between Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts and Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes is right at the top of the list.

The significance of Sunday's matchup in Glendale, Arizona, isn't lost on Mahomes (**TV:** Live on FOX at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday).

"I think about it a lot," Mahomes said. "The quarterbacks that came before me — Shack Harris, Doug Williams — that laid the foundation for me to be in this position. It goes across all sports. If you think about Jackie Robinson and the people who broke the color barrier in baseball, I wouldn't be standing here today if it wasn't for them.

"To be lucky enough to be in this position — and play against another great guy like Jalen — it will be a special moment. I'm glad we're here today, but how can we keep moving forward? How can we motivate kids who are younger, who want to follow their dreams to be a quarterback?"

It's not just the quarterbacks who are relishing the groundbreaking matchup. Chiefs running back Jerick McKinnon said players are well aware of what they're witnessing.

"There's history being made," McKinnon said. "That's a beautiful thing. Something I can look back and tell my kids that, 'I was a part of that, I experienced that.' So it's a blessing. This whole experience is a blessing.

"To have that on top, just adds to it."

In addition to being good, both quarterbacks are also tough.

Hurts missed two games late in the season with a shoulder injury that's still bothering him. The Eagles haven't had to lean on him in two lopsided playoff wins. He has 275 yards passing and two TDs along with 73 yards rushing and two scores, pedestrian numbers by his standards.

Mahomes hobbled around on a badly sprained ankle to help the Chiefs beat the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 and advance to their third Super Bowl appearance in four years.

"It's amazing — especially being Black History Month as well," Eagles cornerback Darius Slay said. "I'm thankful for this moment, to be a part of this. This is crazy with two Black quarterbacks in the Super Bowl, one of the biggest games in the world."

Washington's Doug Williams was the first Black quarterback to start and win a Super Bowl following the 1987 season. That's back when Black quarterbacks were fairly rare across the NFL.

This season — 35 years later — began with 11 Black QBs starting in Week 1 and now ends with a historic matchup.

Mahomes can become the first two-time winner if he leads the Chiefs to victory on Sunday. Hurts aims to become the fourth Black QB to win the Super Bowl, joining Williams, Mahomes and Russell Wilson.

Steve McNair, Colin Kaepernick, Cam Newton and Wilson also started in a Super Bowl and lost.

Now it's Hurts vs. Mahomes.

After McKinnon heard that Sirianni said the two quarterbacks were the top two in the league, he had a one-word response: "Facts."

"It's going to be a showdown — all four quarters," McKinnon said. "It's going to come down to the last second. Jalen Hurts is phenomenal, I've been watching him since college. The things he does and brings to the table are phenomenal."

Probe into Olympic failings stunted by red tape

BY EDDIE PELLS
AP NATIONAL WRITER

DENVER — More than 27 months since it was greenlighted by Congress, the panel established to investigate the inner workings of the U.S. Olympic structure has yet to conduct a formal interview because of bureaucratic red tape and slow action from the same lawmakers who had expressed a pressing need for better oversight.

Two Olympics — the Summer Games in Tokyo and Winter Games in Beijing — have come and gone since the Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and Paralympics was signed into law and charged with looking into, among other topics, the handling of sex-abuse cases that were mismanaged for decades.

It took 19 months after it was established by the new law in October 2020 for the commission to be able to access the $2 million Congress budgeted for its use, then four more months for the government to post the job, and four months after that to identify and hire the panel's executive director. Now that the money is available and the leader is in place, budgeting laws dictate that the commission has to decide how to spend the $2 million by Sept. 30 or risk not being able to use it.

Executive director Kevin Brown — who, to this date, is the panel's only paid employee — says it's an unrealistic

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THURSDAY EVENING

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3 WAVE	6	2	WA..	NBC..	WA..	News	Law & Order		NFL Honors (N) (Live)				WA..
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5 WLWT	2		News	NBC..	WLWT	Holly..	Law & Order		NFL Honors (N) (Live)				News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Zone	ET (N)	Walker		Walker		News (N)		News
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ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NHL Hockey					Basketball Stanford at Arizona (N)			
FREE	18	40	★★★ Central Intelligence ('16)					★★★★ Spy ('15) Melissa McCarthy.					700Club
FX	40	28	(5:00) Fast & Furious Presents...				★★★ The Hangover Part II ('11)					The Hangov...	
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MAX	270	73	Movie	(:25) ★★ The Mod Squad			★★★ Transcendence ('14)				★★★★ Total Recall ('90)		
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AMC	29	26	(5:00) ★★★★ Vice ('18)				★★★★ Moneyball ('11) Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt.						Movie
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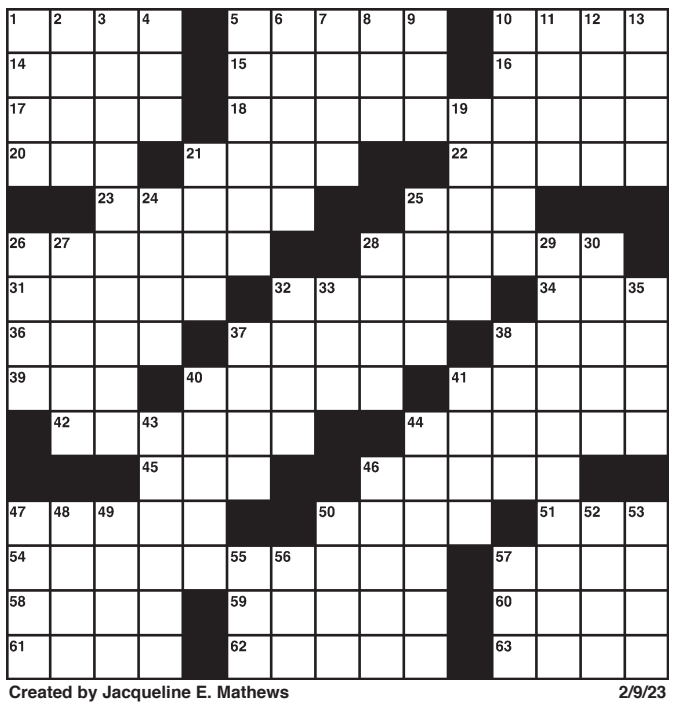

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ACROSS

1 Meditative exercise
5 Word with bears or opposites
10 Also says
14 Bowled over
15 St. Teresa's home
16 Bull, in Barcelona
17 Gambler's destination
18 Tragic
20 Presidential initials
21 River sediment
22 Zodiac sign
23 Places for shingles
25 Lung contents
26 Bit by bit
28 Martin & Charlie
31 Walkway
32 Pandemonium
34 Part of spring: abbr.
36 Hits the slopes
37 What truants play
38 Soft cheese
39 Ready-go connection
40 Creamy drinks
41 __ up; secured, as skates
42 Go-getter
44 Dangers
45 Part of TGIF
46 Frock
47 "The final frontier"
50 Black & Baltic
51 Animal enclosure
54 In a mighty way
57 Grow fatigued
58 "__ well that ends well"
59 Courageous
60 As comfortable __ old shoe
61 SAT, for one
62 Lay to rest
63 Sports officials

DOWN

1 Unit of length
2 Had bills
3 Spirit of giving
4 Hullabaloo
5 Soothe
6 Skating rinks
7 Uplifting tune
8 Mobile's state: abbr.
9 Male animal
10 Apparel
11 Portal
12 Narcotic
13 Average
19 Climbing plants
21 Shoe part
24 Big-eyed birds
25 Nautical greeting
26 Be insolent
27 Took a fancy to
28 __ Fifth Avenue; luxury store
29 Self-absorption
30 Telemarketer's pitch
32 Boulder's state: abbr.
33 Weather forecast
35 Some wines
37 Show-offs
38 Pubs
40 Latin mother
41 Marvin & Iacocca
43 Kindest
44 Priest's recommendation
46 Dig
47 Falling-out
48 Warsaw native
49 Pointed tools
50 Blinds piece
52 Pitfall
53 Strong desires
55 TV series for Jeremy Sisto
56 Mantel piece
57 Fraternity letter

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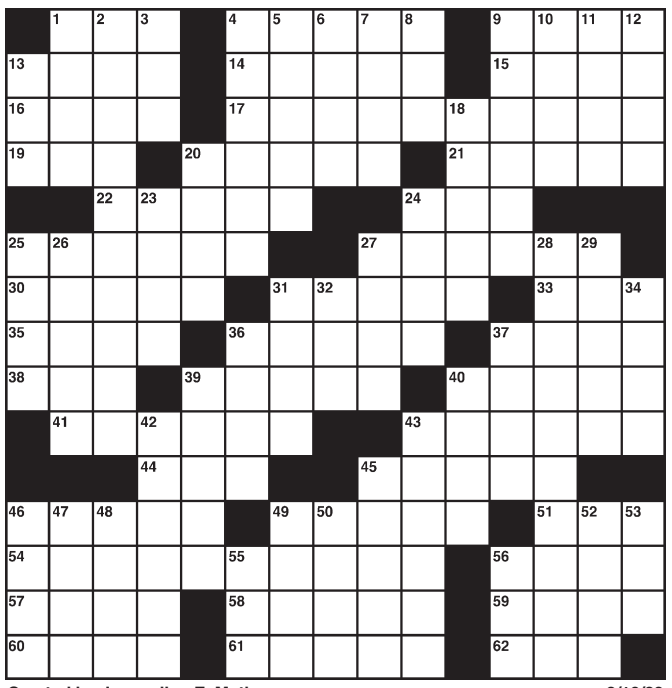

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ACROSS

1 Put __ fuss; resist
4 "When __ Up"; Shirley Temple song
9 Snatch
13 Discharge lava
14 Stomach-to-thigh connector
15 Shade of red
16 __ over; read intently
17 Duchess or countess
19 Aardvark snack
20 Snouts
21 In any __; regardless
22 Those who exploit others
24 Actor Daniel __ Kim
25 Read leisurely
27 Poland's capital
30 Planetary path
31 Nourishes
33 Actor Barrett
35 In a __; irritated
36 Watermelon casings
37 Astonish
38 Fruitcake container
39 __ up; delays
40 Buy stuff
41 Pompousness
43 Leafy vegetables
44 Pacino & Gore
45 __ down; goes out of business
46 Select for military service
49 Tankard
51 That fellow
54 Signed up
56 Slob
57 Individuals
58 Identical
59 Play divisions
60 Luxurious
61 Sheen
62 Letters before an alias

DOWN

1 Feeling put-__; resentful
2 Unsettling
3 Sense of wonder
4 Pay no attention to
5 Disgusting
6 Terry cloth garb
7 Sprays WD-40 on
8 S's partners on a vane
9 Orchards
10 "The Eternal City"
11 As wise __ owl
12 Crooked
13 Health club offering
18 __ away; erodes
20 TV's "Empty __"
23 Formal attire
24 Fathers
25 Blog entry
26 Bert's pal
27 Takes the plunge
28 Earthquake follower
29 Bleeding injury
31 Movie
32 Cease
34 No ifs, __ or buts
36 Betsy or Diana
37 Angry disagreement
39 Sword handles
40 Give the cold shoulder to
42 Klutzy
43 Reprimands
45 Looks for
46 Let fall
47 City near Lake Tahoe
48 Epochs
49 Peddle
50 Threesome
52 Tiny bit
53 Post-wedding abbr.
55 Kids' running game
56 Bleating noise

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Wife's sudden jealousy makes husband wonder

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: Recently I told my wife that I planned to reach out to "Sharon," a former co-worker who is an industry expert, for advice about changing jobs.

My wife angrily and immediately accused me of having an affair with Sharon, and insisted that I wanted to get a job near her to continue the affair.

I have never, ever cheated on my wife. I'm a homebody who works from home. I don't travel for work and rarely go out with friends.

Sharon lives over four hours away. I haven't seen her in over six years, haven't spoken on the phone in years, and we exchange business-related text messages every few months. I worked with Sharon for three years and my wife never voiced any suspicions. I never saw or talked to Sharon outside of the office when we did work together.

The next day all my wife said was, "I'm sorry. Can we please not talk about this again?" She insists that we should act like nothing happened and that counseling is unnecessary.

I'm deeply hurt that she would even think I'm having an affair. I'm also worried about her mental health because her accusations didn't even make any sense.

Do you have an explanation for my wife's irrational behavior? Should I join her in pretending it never happened? — Baffled in Baltimore

Dear Baffled: Your wife reacted in a way that was irrational and unprecedented in your relationship. Your wife is embarrassed by her own behavior; of course she doesn't want to discuss it further!

But I agree with you that it is important that you two discuss this in order to come to a resolution that will satisfy both of you.

Engagement doesn't ease infidelity fears

AMY **DICKINSON** ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I am engaged to marry a wonderful man who treats me like a queen. I do not have any evidence of infidelity, but he is a naturally private person, and I harbor fear that he may have another woman on the side — not so much sexually as emotionally.

He was communicating with other women on an intimate level during the start of our relationship, without my knowledge, and that experience has left me uncertain of his commitment to me.

I have asked him if I am the only one, and he swears that I am, but I cannot shake the feeling that there is something that he isn't telling me.

He is extremely clever, and I am incredibly trusting, so I'm left with lingering doubt.

How can I move past what I consider irrational insecurity before my fear predicts my future?

— Fear of Infidelity

Dear Fear of Infidelity:

My first suggestion is that if you are unsure of your guy's commitment to you, then you should not be engaged to him. Ideally, your public (and private) promise to marry means that you are moving forward with your trust in one another and fidelity already secured.

You obviously need more time to sort out your fears.

You make an excellent point that "irrational insecurity" could actually inspire the situation you are most worried about. Responding to a partner's constant suspicion or trying to boost them from truly irrational insecurity is exhausting and depleting.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What seems like "good natured teasing" to you could feel hurtful to the recipient; friendly encouragement works better.. There might be a child, relative, or a dear friend who needs a morale booster right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't try to be a shape shifter so that others will only see your most flattering side. The Universe is always watching and can't be fooled. Keep your integrity consistent and solid throughout your being.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Get to the bottom of a dispute or misunderstanding and you could be offered an opportunity to learn something important and present a sincere apology. Sidestep the temptation to spend your money recklessly just to prove a point.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your intuition provides insights into the motivations of others, while your fast thinking is useful when you need to cope the latest tech. Stay in close contact with someone who knows how to handle power plays.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something might look ideal today, but your tastes may change in the future. Concentrate on taking care of your responsibilities and meeting deadlines. The latest hacks can offer you cool new timesaving measures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your routines may seem demanding, but you have the mental stamina to stick to things until all the facts are gathered together and everything is completed. Ask for help from those with the most experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A business or financial plan that you may be tempted to tweak is best left alone. Rearranging the furniture is fine but keep your money right where it is. Focus on being a constructive and cooperative member of a group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Any way you can escape from your daily round might seem attractive right now. However, you may place your confidence in someone who is not genuine. Don't be overoptimistic and remain willing to compromise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Take a dip in the think tank. Your ability to embrace complex ideas might give you the upper hand with financial issues. You will be at your best in group settings or when you are able to display your creativity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do some new research, then rethink the possibilities and reexamine long term goals in light of significant new knowledge. This is likely the right time to plan out new career or financial strategies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Handle conflicts with confidence and refuse to condone manipulative methods or a lack of ethics. Treat people based on who you are, not on who they are. Wait until next week to be sure that your decisions are sound.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You might be willing to make a sacrifice to maintain harmony and tranquility but be sure to uphold critical boundaries and basic rights. Follow the rules and requirements when dealing with authorities.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you have something to sell you will have a good chance of getting your foot in the door. People are not likely to be put off by an initial approach but might be more skeptical about quality or warranties.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Tap into universal wisdom to make the best choices. Although you would like to have a break, attending to obligations and obeying the protocols must come first. You may feel mesmerized by someone's mysterious allure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Use your "can do" attitude to your advantage; you might be feeling more energetic and competitive these days than usual. Those in charge may seem exacting or demanding, but you should easily rise to the challenge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your partner and loved ones should appreciate your mindfulness, while someone may share a profound insight. Use your warmth, friendliness and kindness to make a favorable impression on others when you are in the public eye.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You could feel your every move is being micromanaged, but you need to be accountable and should try to learn from any mistakes so you won't repeat them. You should be able to rely on supportive friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can be independent without going to extremes. An idea that becomes an obsession or a research-laden project requiring deep concentration could be profitable. Keep the secret if you want to be a trusted friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Let it stay in the friend zone. Someone may show their affection by being friendly, but not everyone who is friendly is able to be a worthy romantic partner. You may meet someone who has your best interests at heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A sense of team spirit can make the job more rewarding; see what some shared experiences can do for your tribe. When someone new shows an interest in you, it could be tempting to investigate further.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Use your natural charisma to charm those who hold the reins of power. Speak your mind and persuade others to join you. You can easily put your point across in group settings; people should happily support your cause.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Tell it like it is. You can get right to the point because you understand the essence of the big picture. Powerful friends or allies may offer their support when you clearly outline your hopes and dreams.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may feel pushed into a corner and asked to divulge privileged information. Even so, uphold your integrity by respecting the privacy and rights of other people, though it may put you in an awkward position.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Control the narrative. Someone inquisitive may probe and pry to access your confidential information, but you don't need to answer them. Accept an invitation to a group outing or a shopping expedition.

Arkansas pulls away from Kentucky, wins 88-73

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Ricky Council IV scored 20 points, Anthony Black had 19 and Arkansas used a blazing second half to pull away and beat Kentucky 88-73 on Tuesday night, giving coach Eric Musselman his 200th collegiate victory.

Black added five assists and five steals. Makhel Mitchell and Davonte Davis scored 15 points each and Jordan Walsh 13 for the Razorbacks (17-7, 6-5 SEC) who have won five straight conference games, including three in a row. It was Arkansas' third straight win over the Wildcats (16-8, 7-4). The teams meet again in Fayetteville in a regular-season finale on March 4.

Cason Wallace scored 24 points to lead Kentucky, which had won six straight conference games. Chris Livingston added 13 points and Jacob Toppin and Antonio Reeves 11 each.

After a first half with 11 lead changes, there were none in the second when Arkansas shot 72% and Council and Black combined for 25 points.

Three steals, including two by Black who turned them into consecutive dunks, fueled an 11-3 run to begin the second half for a 52-43 lead. A basket by Black made it a double-digit lead with eight minutes left as the Razorbacks sank 7 of 9 over that span to finish the game. They made 8 of 10 free throws over the final two minutes.

Kentucky coach John Calipari was given a technical foul with 33 seconds left in the first half. Black sank the resulting free throws for a three-point lead before Daimion Collins' mid-range jumper made it 41-40 at halftime.

Both teams shot over 50% in the first half with Wallace leading all scorers with 11 points. Kentucky dipped under 50% for the game while Arkansas finished at 63% and outscored the Wildcats 46-28 in the paint.

Kentucky visits Georgia on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ESPN at noon).

Carr, Van Lith lead Louisville women past No. 11 Tar Heels

LOUISVILLE — Chrislyn Carr scored 11 of her 17 points in the third quarter on Sunday to propel Louisville to a 62-55 upset of No. 11 North Carolina, ending the Tar Heels' eight-game winning streak.

Hailey Van Lith also had 17 points for the Cardinals (17-8, 8-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who made 9 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter of what was mostly a defensive struggle.

Deja Kelly scored 13 points but was just 3-of-16 shooting for the Tar Heels (17-6, 8-4), who had their longest winning streak in ACC play in 14 years. Paulina Paris added 12 points and Anya Poole had 10.

Paris hit North Carolina's only 3-pointer with 6:10 to play to cut the deficit to 51-50 but Carr hit her fifth 3-pointer and North Carolina struggled to find the basket. The Tar Heels missed their next four shots, finished 5 of 14 for the quarter and 33% (19 of 57) for the game, missing 11 3-pointers.

The Cardinals only shot 34% (19 of 56) but eight makes were behind the arc on 27 attempts.

Louisville had 22 turnovers while forcing 14 but made up for that with 11 more rebounds, five on the offensive end. Nyla Harris had 12 boards.

North Carolina took a 24-23 halftime lead as both teams shot 9 of 33 (27%).

The Tar Heels opened the second half with eight-straight points, boosted by a technical on Louisville coach Jeff Walz, but that seemed to fire up the Cardinals. A 13-4 run with back-to-back 3s from Carr tied the game and the Louisville surged ahead after a North Carolina free throw with a Morgan Jones layup and another Carr 3.

Louisville scored 25 points in the quarter, helped by a late technical on North Carolina coach Courtney Banghart, for the most points the Tar Heels allowed in a quarter during the winning streak. Two late Mykasa Robinson free throws made it 48-43 for the Cardinals heading into the fourth quarter.

Louisville is at Virginia on Thursday when North Carolina goes to Syracuse.

Pitt destroys Louisville, moves into 1st-place ACC tie

PITTSBURGH — Nike Sibande scored 15 points off the bench, nine Pittsburgh players entered the scoring column and the Panthers demolished Louisville 91-57 on Tuesday night and moved into a first-place tie with Clemson in the ACC.

Entering play Tuesday, the top five teams in the ACC were separated by just a game in the standings. A win by No. 8 Virginia against No. 22 North Carolina State Tuesday would create a three-way tie for first between Clemson, Pitt and the Cavaliers.

Against Louisville, the Panthers (17-7, 10-3) distributed 23 assists on 28-made baskets. Defensively, Pitt held Louisville (3-21, 1-12) to 27.6% (16 for 58) shooting and outrebounded the Cardinals 37-30. Mike James scored 11 points for Louisville.

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El Ellis made a pair of foul shots to bring Louisville into a 14-all tie with 13:36 before halftime. Pitt then went on a 16-2 run over nearly the next five minutes. Six-different Panthers scored during the run. Nate Santos' 3-pointer with 9:38 before the break made it 27-16 and Pitt led by double digits the rest of the way. A 47-27 halftime lead turned into a 58-28 margin just 1:59 into the second half. With the win, the Panthers reached double digits in conference wins for just the second time in 10 ACC seasons. Pitt went 11-7 in its first year in the ACC following its 12-6 campaign in its final year in the Big East in 2012-13.

Louisville takes on No. 19 Miami on Saturday (**TV:** Live on ACCN at 7 p.m.). Pitt travels to face Florida State on Saturday.

Mahomes says ankle will be ready for Super Bowl

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Patrick Mahomes says he's "definitely in a better spot" when it comes to his ailing right ankle than he was for the AFC championship game, and the All-Pro quarterback doesn't expect to be limited by it when he leads the Kansas City Chiefs against the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl.

Mahomes said before Wednesday's practice at Arizona State's facility that he continues to get treatment on the ankle, which he hurt in the divisional round against Jacksonville, and that will probably continue up until Sunday's kickoff.

"You won't know exactly how it is until you get to game day," he said. "I mean, I definitely move around better than I was moving last week or two weeks ago. So it's just trying to continue to get the treatment and the rehab and get it as close to 100% and then rely on some adrenaline to let me do a little bit extra when I'm on the field."

Mahomes hurt the ankle when a Jaguars pass rusher landed on it late in the first quarter. X-rays taken during the game came back negative, and he returned in the second half to lead Kansas City to the 27-20 victory.

TAPE

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timeline. He said emails and phone calls explaining the issue to lawmakers and their staffs have not led to much discussion, let alone an extension. Brown's group plans on conducting dozens of interviews and gathering thousands of pages of documents. It must hold at least one public hearing and write a report to detail its findings. He anticipates the project will take around a year.

"The bottom line is, through no fault of its own, the commission has struggled to get underway, and now that we are moving forward with our work, our ability to do it meaningfully is being taken away from us," Brown told The Associated Press.

The commission was created as part of the bipartisan " Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020," which itself came out of an 18-month investigation into how the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the sports organizations it oversees mishandled sex-abuse cases in gymnastics and other sports.

JAMES

FROM **PAGE B1**

fans' hearts over his five seasons in purple and gold. Several months before he won the franchise's 17th championship in the Florida pandemic bubble, he became a part of Lakers lore with his inspirational words and steady leadership in the wake of Bryant's death in a helicopter crash.

Inside the building, dozens of celebrities gathered to witness history: Denzel Washington, Jay-Z, Bad Bunny, LL Cool J, Usher, Andy Garcia and countless others. Dozens of basketball greats also turned out, including Lakers heroes James Worthy and Bob McAdoo along with Dwyane Wade.

The biggest star in the crowd was Abdul-Jabbar, who has verbally sparred with James in public over issues not directly related to basketball. The Lakers legend known to all as Cap wasn't about to miss history, and he shared a warm hug with James before ceremonially exchanging a basketball in a simple, touching gesture.

Although the final score chafed him, James said he'll never forget this stop on his two-decade journey.

"This ride has been fantastic," James said.

Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill or Overfill

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• For further information on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program, please go to **www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm.**

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT 2023 TERM
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2301-EU-7
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF
RACHEL MATTHEWS,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jeffrey Allen Matthews was, on the 22nd day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Rachel Matthews, deceased, and is serving as personal representative of the decedent's estate, and was authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not due now, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

DATED at Madison, Indiana
January 22, 2023
Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County
Jennifer A. Joas
JOAS LAW, LLC
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ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the company office located at 6162 W. SR 256 on the 23rd of February 2023.

The candidates for election to the Board of Directors are:

Terry Bunton
David Miller
Tom DePriest
Member-at-Large-
Chris Colson

All members are invited to attend.
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT 2021TERM
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2102-EU-00016
IN THE MATTER OF
THE UNSUPERVISED
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF
DENNIS CARROLL McMANNIS,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Jeremy Jines and Amanda Simeon were, on the 18th day of February, 2021, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Dennis McMannis, deceased, and is serving as personal representatives of the decedent's estate, and were authorized to proceed under unsupervised administration.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not due now, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claim will be forever barred.

DATED at Madison, Indiana
February 19, 2021
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Jefferson County United Way will hold its annual corporation meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. It will begin at 12:00 noon and will be held at Ivy Tech Community College. The annual corporation meeting is open to the public.
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2301-ES-000008
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
ESTATE OF
HERBERT LEE PARKER,
DECEASED.
WILLIAM JOSEPH JENNER,
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HERBERT LEE PARKER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Joyce L. Parker was, on the 29th day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Herbert Lee Parker, deceased, who died on the 3rd day of January, 2023.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 29th day of January, 2023.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson Co., IN
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Hanover will hold a Public Hearing on February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to Amend the Schedule of Fees and Establishing Standards for the Collection of Residential Trash and Recyclables in the Town of Hanover, Indiana.
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Jefferson Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1902-MF-00138, wherein PennyMac Loan Services, LLC was Plaintiff, and Christopher D. Allen was a Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd of March, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 South Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Lot Number Seventeen (17) in Gardner's Addition, as recorded March 11, 1967 in Plat Book 2, page 59A, in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.

More commonly known as 2099 E Bob O Link Ct, Madison, IN 47250-8786

Parcel No. 39-09-31-200-015.000-006

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

/s/ BARRY T BARNES
BARRY T. BARNES, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 19657-49
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
2023-2024 I 2024-2025

Notice is hereby given that Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation will receive sealed bids for the transportation of school children for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. Sealed bids will be on designated school bus routes as described in the route description and specifications. Th e Board of School Trustees will award bids and/or negotiate on the basis of bids. Sealed bids on individual routes will be received at the Central Office, 239 South Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243 until **10:00A.M on Tuesday, February 28, 2023**. All prospective bidders should attend the opening of bids meeting on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023** in the Southwestern Elementary Board Room at **5:00 p.m**. at the regular School Board meeting.

All bidders must furnish, as bid surety, a personal bond, cash, or check payable to Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation in the amount of two hundred dollars ($200.00). All surety shall be returned as per bid specifications. A fully executed non-collusion affidavit and additional materials shall accompany each bid. Route descriptions and specifications, which describe the routes to be traveled, the equipment to be furnished, and all other conditions required in the contract are available at the central office at the above address.

The Board of School Trustees of Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids (IC 20-27-5-10), to waive any information or irregularities, and to make any necessary changes or alterations in the original route description. A minimum of one route will be awarded to any one contract driver. Each contract driver must be a proposed school bus driver and registered owner. Th e contract driver is advised that the Board of School Trustees reserves the right to award the routes or to assign the route(s) to the Corporation pool. Th e age and condition of the equipment will be considered a factor in route awards. Th e Board reserves the right to negotiate or make an offer, as they deem appropriate prior to the beginning of a new contract.

Jeff Bates
Superintendent of Schools
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LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-1906-MF-00568, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-8 was Plaintiff, and Paul Hatfield, AKA Paul D. Hatfield was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the 23rd day of March, 2023, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff's Office at 317 S. Walnut Street Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.

Lot Number Three (3) of Telegraph Hill Subdivision, Madison Township, a subdivision recorded October 13, 1988, in Plat Book 2, Page 161 in the Office of the Recorder of Jefferson County, Indiana.

Including that manufactured home more specifically described as: Vehicle Identification: 11989452450AB, Year: 1998, Make INF, Model: NA, Body Style: MH, Purchase Date: 05/27/04, Issue Date: 06/03/04, Odometer: EXEMPT.

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Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause 39C01-1906-MF-00568 in the Circuit Court of the County of Jefferson, Indiana."

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ATTORNEY NO. 31800-15
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Purdue stays No. 1 in AP Top 25; NC State in at No. 22

BY AARON BEARD
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Purdue's unquestioned grip on No. 1 in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll is gone after a weekend loss. That didn't stop the Boilermakers from remaining at the top anyway.

The Boilermakers earned 38 of 62 first-place votes in the poll released Monday to remain at No. 1 for a third straight week and seventh time this season. Purdue was the unanimous choice last week, the first for any team this season, before falling at Indiana over the weekend for only its second loss.

The Boilermakers (22-2, 11-2) have a leading candidate for national player of the year in Zach Edey and KenPom's No. 1-ranked offense (121.1 points scored per 100 possessions) to go with a top-25 defense. But they got down big, committed 16 turnovers and allowed the Hoosiers — up to No. 18 this week — to shoot nearly 53% in a 79-74 loss Saturday.

"When we go to Zach and we make some perimeter shots, the defense gets better sometimes when the offense flows," Purdue coach Matt Painter said at his postgame news conference. "And you can't do that. You can always rebound, you can always take care of the ball, you can always make your free throws, those things there."

The loss meant Houston collected 22 first-place votes as it rose one spot to No. 2, followed by No. 3 Alabama and No. 4 Arizona in each claiming one.

THE TOP TIER

Texas jumped five spots to No. 5, shooting past Tennessee, which fell four spots to No. 6 after losing last week at Florida.

UCLA, Virginia, Kansas and Marquette rounded out the top 10, with Shaka Smart's Golden Eagles cracking the top 10 for the first time since 2019.

RISING

The Longhorns' jump marked the biggest of the week, followed by Marquette and Miami each rising four spots. No. 13 Xavier, No. 15 Saint Mary's and No. 21 UConn joined Indiana in each moving up three positions.

In all, 12 teams rose from last week's rankings.

SLIDING

Kansas State took the week's biggest tumble, falling five spots to No. 12 after losing at Kansas and at home to Texas last week. No. 16 Gonzaga joined Tennessee in falling four spots after its overtime loss at Saint Mary's.

In all, nine teams fell from last week's rankings.

STATUS QUO

Purdue was the only team to remain in the same position this week.

WELCOME

North Carolina State earned its first AP Top 25 ranking in four years, checking in at No. 22.

The Wolfpack (19-5, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) spent six weeks in the poll during the 2018-19 season. N.C. State already has surpassed the win total for each of the last two seasons and is in contention for the program's first NCAA Tournament berth since 2018.

Creighton and Rutgers joined N.C. State as this week's new additions to the poll, though both were ranked earlier this season. The Bluejays were No. 9 in the preseason poll and peaked at No. 7 before falling out by mid-December, while the Scarlet Knights spent a week at No. 23 in mid-January.

FAREWELL (FOR NOW)

Florida Atlantic (No. 19), Clemson (No. 20) and Auburn (No. 25) fell out of this week's poll.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 leads all leagues with six ranked teams, including No. 11 Iowa State, No. 14 Baylor and No. 17 TCU. The Big East is next with five ranked teams, followed by the Big Ten and ACC with three each.

Indiana reaches No. 2 in women's AP Top 25; SC remains No. 1

BY DOUG FEINBERG
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

South Carolina beat a top opponent to remain No. 1 in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll released Monday and now has a showdown with another one looming this weekend.

The Gamecocks (23-0) topped then-No. 5 UConn 81-77 on Sunday to remain unbeaten and stay the unanimous choice atop the poll from the 28-member national media panel. After facing Auburn on Thursday, South Carolina will play No. 3 LSU on Sunday in a matchup of the last two unbeatens in Division I women's college basketball.

Dawn Staley's team has won 29 consecutive games and has been No. 1 in the poll for 33 consecutive weeks. That's one week short of tying the Huskies for the third-longest streak atop the poll. Only UConn (51 weeks) and Louisiana Tech (36) have had longer runs at No. 1.

While South Carolina has had a stranglehold on No. 1 for more than a year, Indiana is making its first appearance ever at No. 2 after Stanford lost to Washington.

"I'm going to relish this for a minute, knowing where the program was to where it is," Indiana coach Teri Moren said. "We've made a lot of history since we've been here in our nine seasons and it's one of the more historical things we've been able to accomplish. Give our players credit, I don't want to discount what a big achievement this is. We're more than humbled to be No. 2."

Indiana has won 10 straight since suffering its lone loss of the season to Michigan State. The Hoosiers have a tough stretch coming up, starting with a home game against No. 5 Iowa on Thursday. Indiana, which hadn't been ranked higher than fourth before Monday, then plays No. 13 Ohio State and 12th-ranked Michigan.

"That's why we take it one game at a time, but you understand the magnitude of what's ahead of us. I tell the kids all the time we're in control of our own destiny," Moren said.

LSU still No. 3 after close wins over Tennessee, Georgia and Texas A&M. The Tigers have a week to prepare for the Gamecocks.

UConn moved up one spot to fourth after its close loss to the Gamecocks and Iowa was fifth.

The Cardinal fell to sixth with Utah, Maryland, Duke and Notre Dame rounding out the top 10. The Blue Devils beat the Irish on Sunday to take over sole possession of first in the ACC and vault up seven spots in the poll. It's Duke's best ranking since the team finished the 2017 season ranked ninth.

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Phoenix Open kicks off Super Bowl week in Valley of the Sun

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The WM Phoenix Open has a huge new purse and star-packed field as golf's biggest party kicks off Super Bowl week in the Valley of the Sun.

"This week is a party for everyone except us," fifth-ranked Patrick Cantlay said Wednesday, a day before the start of play at TPC Scottsdale. "It would be weird if every event was like this, but it's great that we have events like this and there's so many people in the area that come out and support the event."

In response to the Saudi-funded LIV Golf league, the tournament is an elevated PGA Tour event with a purse of $20 million and a winner's share of $3.6 million — up from $8.2 million and $1.476 million in 2022.

"It was already a huge event, but made even bigger," top-ranked Rory McIlroy said. "Happy to be here and looking forward to the week."

McIlroy is trying to make it three wins in a row on the PGA Tour after taking the Tour Championship in August and The CJ Cup in October. He also won two weeks ago in Dubai on the European tour in his first start of the year.

"It feels like a long time ago, the Tour Championship and CJ Cup. But yeah, I've been on a really good run of form. Basically, all of last year," McIlroy said. "I feel like I'm just in a really good place with my game."

The Northern Irishman made his only other start at TPC Scottsdale two years ago, closing with a 64 to tie for 13th.

"I haven't had the full experience of this event yet," McIlroy said. "It was limited fans in '21 with only 5,000 people."

Scottie Scheffler beat Cantlay in a playoff last year in the desert for his first PGA Tour title and added victories in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and Masters.

"Got a lot of good memories here," said Scheffler, who is ranked second in the world. "Obviously, it's a special tournament for me being the first win, and it's definitely a lot of fun to be back."

The Texan welcomes the rowdy atmosphere, with more than 200,000 fans expected for the third round Saturday.

"You've got to deal with the environment here, but it's something you've got to embrace," Scheffler said. "It's a lot of fun. I think a few times a year being able to play with this big of a crowd is pretty special for us."

Jon Rahm opened the year with consecutive victories in the Sentry Tournament of Champions and The American Express. The former Arizona State star from Spain had his best finish at TPC Scottsdale as an amateur when he tied for fifth in 2015.

"Haven't really had a chance to win coming down the stretch," the third-ranked Rahm said. "I'm hoping come the weekend, I've done a good enough job to go to that back nine knowing that I have a chance to win."

The tournament and Super Bowl are in town the same week for the first time since 2015.

"It's amazing to have two of these huge events in the same city on the same weekend," McIlroy said. "It's going to be really interesting because I feel like Saturday here is going to be a huge day in terms of the numbers and everything, and it'll be interesting to see what Sunday is like with people obviously wanting to get to the Super Bowl."

The field features eight of the top 10 in the world. Missing are Cameron Smith, suspended because he signed with LIV Golf, and Will Zalatoris.

McIlroy was asked if he felt like the best player in the world now.

"Yes," he replied. "I'm playing well. I feel like consistency-wise, I've been as good as I have been ever in my career."

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